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Harms Moves On

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BELLE FOURCHE-Commissioner Stan Harms has handed in his resignation from the Butte County Commission and plans to retire out of the state.

Tuesday, June 18 was his last commission meeting. Harms has been on the county commission for nearly 20 years. Harms noted that he couldn't remember when he had first been elected to the position. Following expressions



Stan Harms
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Sourdough Road Site of New Belle Housing Development

Belle Fourche Welcomes A New Housing Development

American Estates



The groundbreaking ceremony for **American Estates** was held June 20, 2024. American Contracting and Consulting will be the builders for a new housing development in Belle Fourche at 10899 Sourdough Road. L-R: **Forest Sainsbury**, owner; **Jason Lafayette**, City Administrator; **Randy Schmidt**, Mayor; **Kole Schell**, Engineering Associates; **Hollie Stalder**, Belle Fourche Development Corp.; **Kade Welfl**, Real Estate Center of Spearfish; **Jay Cordell**, Pioneer Bank and Trust; **Matt Walters**, Pioneer Bank and Trust; and **Andy Coyle**, owner.

Dylan Clarkson Assumes the Role of Chair for the SDBA Board of Directors

PIERRE, S.D.—Dylan Clarkson, Pioneer Bank & Trust, Spearfish, has assumed the role of Chair for the South Dakota Bankers Association (SDBA), the professional and trade association for South Dakota's financial services industry. Clarkson is President and CEO of Pioneer Bank & Trust in Spearfish, SD. He has served on the SDBA Board of Directors since 2018. He graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman, MT in 1997 with a degree in economics. While in Montana, Clarkson ran a car dealership for nine years and worked his way up to the position of general manager at Dick



Dylan Clarkson
Walter Audi. He then spent ten years in multiple departments at American Bank, ending with the position of Bozeman Area Market Manager.

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Championship Pro Rodeo Takes Big Strides

Oklahoma rodeo company growing rapidly

LEEDEY, Okla. – The first few months of any life features incredible growth. From infancy to toddler, forms change shape as the foundation develops. From babies and foals to ideas and dreams, the day-to-day gains are magnificent. Will and Dusta O'Connell have experienced it two-fold over the last year.

Their son, Jasper, just turned a year old, and so did the couple's sole ownership of Championship Pro Rodeo, a livestock producer based in western Oklahoma. While Jasper has gone from crawling to walking to running, the rodeo company has taken even bigger strides, more than doubling the number of events it produces.

"It's rewarding, to say the least," Will O'Connell said, noting that Championship Pro Rodeo will produce seven events in 2024, including new stops in Ponca, Nebraska; Belle Fourche, South Dakota; Vinita, Oklahoma; and the Converse County Xtreme Broncs in Douglas, Wyoming. "It says something to catch the eyes of people who see what we're capable of doing."

"Both Belle Fourche and Ponca have been around for a long time: This is Belle Fourche's 105th year, and it's the 56th year of the Days of '56. For them to see something in us to make the change with only one year under our belts is a really big deal. It makes us feel like we're doing something right." Championship Pro Rodeo also produces events in Palestine, Illinois; Wahoo, Nebraska; and Madison, Indiana. By adding four rodeos to the schedule, the firm is gaining more popularity and prestige. It's a step-by-step process that serves as a proving ground for the family that took

the reins of the company a little more than a year ago.

The O'Connells were raised around the sport. Dusta O'Connell is the daughter of Jennifer Spencer and well-known rodeo clown Ted Kimzey. The oldest of three children, she and her brothers, Sage and Trey Kimzey, were accomplished

trick riders as youngsters.

While Sage and Trey ride bulls professionally now, Dusta continues to perform and compete when opportunities arise.

Will O'Connell is the son of Joann and Ray O'Connell, the latter of whom has been involved in rodeo production as

Rodeo A3



Jess Pope, the 2022 world champion bareback rider, rides **Championship Pro Rodeo's** The Crow for 88 points to win the eighth round of the 2023 National Finals Rodeo. The Crow was one of 18 NFR animals from Championship Pro Rodeo, who will produce the Black Hills Roundup for the first time this July 1-4. *PRCA photo by Hailey Rae*



Will O'Connell, who owns **Championship Pro Rodeo** with his wife, Dusta, checks on his herd at their place in western Oklahoma. *Photo courtesy of Championship Pro Rodeo*

SD Bridge to be Dedicated in Honor of U.S. Army Sergeant Lelund M. Kahler

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting a State Bridge

Dedication Ceremony to honor U.S. Army Sergeant Lelund M. Kahler.

The ceremony will be Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. (MT) at the REC Center in Belle Fourche (1111 National Street).

The US 85 Bridge over the Belle Fourche River will be dedicated to SGT Kahler.

On April 8, 1969, Kahler was on a recon mission with his platoon crossing a river in sampans in Dinh Tuong, South Vietnam. Lelund, who was in the middle of the pack and carrying a M60 machine gun, was killed by enemy fire.

Naming bridges in honor of our combat veterans who died while serving their country is an initiative of Governor Kristi Noem and the South Dakota Departments

of Military, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.

"Our fallen heroes are no longer with us, but their memories live on in the hearts of their loved ones and our state," said Greg Whitlock, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "Naming our South Dakota bridges in honor of our fallen gives us the opportunity for remembrance, reflection, and respect. It helps us to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to this nation. They cherished liberty and loved freedom enough to lay down their lives to preserve our way of life."

"We can never underestimate or over appreciate the costs they bore for us," said Whitlock.

"We must never forget that our fallen sacrificed their future and their dreams. Their memories can only live through the accomplishments to present and future generations."

Highmark Credit Union Welcomes New Manager, Kelly Millikin

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Kelly Milliken has come a long way in her career as a banking professional. Her first position was at the newly opened Premier Bankcard customer service department in Spearfish in 2001. In 2005, she started at Wells Fargo in Belle Fourche as a teller.

During the next several years, she worked her way up to lead teller, service manager, and then to personal banker. Along the way, Kelly transitioned to First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche where she supervised tellers,

while working as a financial services representative at the same time.

Nineteen of her 21 years in the world of finance were in banking and she is grateful for professional mentors and excellent training. "Everything I have learned has been through previous jobs." She explained. One of Kelly's mentors, Dallerie Neff worked with Kelly at Wells Fargo for 15 years. When Dallerie retired, Kelly took her position. It was Dallerie who recruited Kelly for the position at Highmark and provided her with recommendation.

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Kelly Milliken and her husband, Jamie enjoy an afternoon of golf at the Belle Fourche Country Club. *English Photo*

Mid-America Travel Plaza Under New Ownership

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—The 21st of May found Chris Dvorak of Dvorak Convenience Stores purchasing his seventh gas station. This third generation business man acquired Mid-America Travel Plaza from Nash Enterprises, Inc. His grandparents, Bob and June, opened their first gas station back in 1982 in Black Hawk, SD, and with that, BJ's Country Stores was born.

Today Dvorak Convenience Stores does business as BJ's Country Store.

Dvorak said he purchased this business because he was "looking to expand" his business portfolio and the Belle Fourche community was a good place to do that. He has no big changes planned for the truck stop, aside

from currently fixing pot holes in the drive way.

Typically Dvorak Convenience Stores change the name of their new purchases to BJ's Country Store, followed by the city location of the store. However,

since the travel plaza is already an established brand, there is no plan to change the name of the location, other than adding BJ's to the front of it, making its legal name BJ's Mid-America Travel Plaza.



New owner of BJ's Mid-America Travel Plaza, **Chris Dvorak**, stands among the merchandise for sale in his convenience store. He noted that he was thankful to his parents for getting him started in the business. *Longbrake photo*



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Ferne Elaine Wallace 92

Ferne Elaine Wallace, age 92, of Belle Fourche, passed away March 7, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, June 28 at 10:30 at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

She was born June 18, 1931 in Brookings, South Dakota to Art and Etola Justice, one of nine children. After excelling in high school and college, Ferne married David "Lloyd" Wallace and settled in Belle Fourche, raising three children and teaching high school Home Economics. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing, piano playing and grandchildren spoiling.



Survivors include husband Lloyd Wallace, children daughter Susan Kennon (James), son Lee (Denise), sister Janice Justice. She also has eight grandchildren Nick (Leah) Kennon, Kim (Reece) Caddell, Nyssa (Colby) Hodo, Garion (Trynity) Wallace, Ky (Emily) Moody, Lexus Moody, Spencer (Baylee) Moody, and Aubri Moody.

Great grandchildren: William and Isla Kennon, Case and Sadie Caddell, Braiden, Colden and Chloe Hodo, Natalie Cole, Paisley and Olivia Moody, and Mylah Moody

Dianna Palm 77

Dianna Palm, age 77 of Spearfish and formerly Belle Fourche, died Saturday, June 8, 2024 at her home following a sudden cardiac event.

A Celebration of Life Service took place Friday June 21, 2024 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Visitation was held, June 20th at the funeral home. Inurnment was in Pine Slope Cemetery. Dianna's memorial service will be available to view live or following the service from her obituary page, located on the funeral home's website: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Dianna Lynn Kruse was born April 11, 1947 in LeMars, Iowa. She was the daughter of Glenn and Wanda (Nagel) Kruse. Dianna grew up in George, Iowa where she graduated from high school in 1965. In the summer of 1965, Dianna attended the Automation Institute of Omaha and completed a course in "Key punching and Verifying" on the IBM 024 & 056 machines. It was a good experience and Dianna also learned independence, confidence and about life in a big city. Dianna's calling became teaching summer Bible School programs including preparation and work with after school programs in Iowa and SD. Dianna moved to Bemidji, MN in 1967 where she attended Oak Hills Bible College. Dianna worked for Child Evangelism Fellowship in the Brookings area. In 1972 she was united in marriage to Gordon Palm at Central Baptist Church in George Iowa. Following their marriage, they farmed near Lake Norden, SD, and adopted two daughters from South Korea, Wendy and April. During this time, Dianna owned and operated a silk flower shop called "Floral Fantasies". Dianna was gifted at making floral arrangements. She also bred Cocker Spaniels for a time. Gordon died in 1988, and in 1993, Dianna moved to Belle Fourche. For three years she worked at the nursing home, assisting the Activities Director. In 1996, she started Palm's Country View, which she owned and operated until 2019. This business was a true passion and calling for Dianna. More than 40 women were cared for by Dianna over the years,



including her parents. She loved them all like family, and emptied herself in her work. In 2022, Dianna moved to Spearfish, where she has lived since.

Dianna was a very entrepreneurial person, creative in many ways. Her life was self-less and sacrificial, humble and loyal. She was kind-hearted, loving, and she loved her Savior. And she loved talking about her faith. Dianna made her family proud in many ways. One of them was the state and national award she received several years ago from her involvement with J.T.P.A. for displaced homemakers while attending Lake Area Technical Institute. She was a State of South Dakota Award Winner, and a National Award Winner, which included a paid trip to Washington D.C. to receive her award. Dianna will be missed greatly by her family.

Dianna is survived by her daughters, Wendy (Keith) Neuharth of Sioux Falls, April Palm of Spearfish; brother, Jay (Laurie) Kruse of Wentworth, SD; sister, Dorene (Steve) Schimelfenig of Indianola, Iowa; sister-in-law, Corrine Heineman of Springfield, OH; nieces and nephews, Katy (Shawn) Jaminet of Spearfish, Tanna (Kyle) Anderson of Brandon, SD, Jake (Tasha) Kruse of Spearfish, Jaime Applebee of Des Moines, Iowa, Taylor Schimelfenig of Ames, Iowa, Cole (fiancé Shannon) Schimelfenig of Des Moines, Iowa, Michael Larson of Deadwood, Tina (Neil) Carpenter of Sioux Falls, Elizabeth (Corey) Fonder of Iowa City, IA, Tod Heineman of Tionesta, PA, and Scott (Debbie) Heineman of Springfield, OH. She is also survived by 16 great nieces and nephews, and aunt, Ina Faye Underwood, of Spencer, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Debra Kruse; and brother-in-law, Glenn Heineman.

Steve Swan 76

September 20, 1947 - March 26, 2024

Steve Swan, 76, of Hubbard, TX, and Newell, SD, passed away March 26, 2024.

Steve was born September 20, 1947, in Denver, CO, to Bill and Wilma Swan. The family spent time in Louisiana before moving to a ranch near Newell in 1949. He was the eldest of six siblings and growing up took his ornerly, oldest brother role seriously, sometimes to the chagrin of his younger siblings.

He graduated from Newell High School in 1965 then attended Kansas State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in animal science. Drafted into the Army in 1970, he trained as a medic and then became a fleet manager before his honorable discharge in 1971. After the Army, he started his master's degree in ruminant nutrition at South Dakota State University. It was at SDSU that he met his wife, Billie Hunter, when they were introduced by his sister, Kathy. They married in April 1973 and had three kids, Tracy, Amy, and Nicole.

Steve and Billie lived in Faith, Lemmon, and various places in and around Newell, SD, before settling down on a small ranch outside Newell. He was a part of the Newell community for over 60 years and spent time as an active 4-H leader and church deacon. Looking for a climate friendlier than South Dakota's and to be closer to grandkids, he and Billie moved to Texas in 2010-2011. He joined the Hubbard Cowboy Church where he was a church elder and enjoyed being a part of its growth. He lived his faith and values and never missed his morning Bible study, getting up however early was necessary to fit it in.

He grew up a cowboy and remained a cowboy his entire life. In his younger years, he calf roped, team roped, and hazed for his brother-in-law, Bob. He raised quarter horses that were raced on tracks in



South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wyoming, including 2002 SDQHRA Bred Futurity Champion, Dr Meter Reader. He always enjoyed springtime when his mares foaled. He attempted to instill his cowboy ways in all his kids, making sure they had riding horses and taking them with him to horse sales and rodeos and to check cattle in far flung ranch pastures. He was proud to win a team penning event with his son, Tracy, and grandson, Liam, in 2019.

Steve and his wife, Billie, did essentially everything together for over fifty years - a life of kids, grandkids, homebuilding, riding, traveling, and raising horses.

A quiet extrovert, he loved when everyone was around. He loved sitting with his siblings and cousins telling stories and listening to stories. He loved a drive to see the country. He enjoyed attending all his grandkids' rodeo, sports, and school events. Ever a rancher, he always knew the weather forecast where people he knew and loved lived. He made great apple cinnamon pancakes and banana ice cream. He is leaving a big hole that can't be filled and will be greatly missed.

Steve is preceded in death by his grandparents; parents, Bill and Wilma Swan; brother, David Swan; and brother-in-law, Bob Burke.

He is survived by his wife, Billie; son, Tracy (Dusti) Swan; daughters, Amy and Nicole Swan; grandkids, Darbi, Liam, and Hayes Swan; sisters, Kathy Burke, Linda Swan, and Jan Swan Wood; brother, Bob (Christy) Swan; eight nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

Memorials in Steve's name can be made to Hubbard Cowboy Church (Hubbard, TX) to support individuals and families in need.

Harriette Zimmer 91

Harriette Zimmer, age 91 of Belle Fourche, died Saturday, May 25, 2024 at the Hendricks Community Nursing Home in Hendricks, Minnesota.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 1pm Monday, July 8, 2024 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. Interment will take place in Pine Slope Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4 to 6pm Sunday, July 7th at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche, with a time of story-telling at 5pm. Friends may leave condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Harriette Louise McGahn was born in St. Paul, MN to Emanuel and Mary (Fox) McGahn on December 6, 1932. She was the youngest child and joined her siblings: Helen, MaryJane, Margaret Anne, Emanuel (Bud), Edwin, and John Joseph (Jack). She attended school in St. Paul. She went to eighth grade in Caracas, Venezuela. She graduated from Johnson High School, St. Paul in 1950. She was united in marriage to Robert D. (Mick) McTavish on November 17, 1951 in St. Paul, MN. They then moved to Belle Fourche, SD, Mick's hometown. From this union came 5 children: Diane Ruth, William Robert, Roberta Faye, JoAnne, and Timothy Edward. Harriette had a beautiful voice and performed at many area events and occasions. She sang in church choirs in her hometown of St. Paul and at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Belle Fourche. She was a member of the LaBelle Chanteurs, Community Choruses, and was a favorite of the "1902 Cowboys", singing at many of their events. Harriette was the past president of the Hospital Auxiliary, member of the first hospital board at the BFHCC, president of the Church Alter Society, and was awarded Regional and State Nursing Home Volunteer of the year, 1980. She was also named "Employee of the Year" in 1996 by the BFHCC.

Harriette worked at the Belle Fourche Health Care Center and Nursing Home as an aide from 1980 to 1997. She also worked at the John Burns Memorial Hospital for three years in Medical Records. For many years, she did her most important job, raising her children. Her husband Mick passed away in January 1974. On August 17, 1974, Harriette married Robert



(Bob) Zimmer. With the combination of their families, the couple now were the parents of 9, the youngest of whom was 14. For the next several years, there were many challenges and much chaos. Harriette tried her best to be a "mom" to all her children. The "kids" will be the first to tell you that they did not make this easy for her. Many marriages, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and great-great-great grandchildren would join the family in the coming years. Harriette spent as much time with her family as possible. She loved her yearly "Grandma's Day" with her grandchildren. Many great memories were made on these special adventures.

Bob passed away in January, 2007. Harriette remained in their family home for many years and spent a short time in an apartment in Belle Fourche before moving to Astoria, SD to live with her daughter JoAnne. She would then move to Hendricks, MN. She spent the last 7 years as a resident of Hendricks Nursing Home. She was everyone's "favorite" patient. She was always entertaining the staff and residents with her wonderful sense of humor and her stories.

She will be greatly missed by her family: Diane (Ed) Bostick of Riverton, WY, Bill (Jane) McTavish of Keokuk, IA, Roberta (Mike) Fox of Belle Fourche, SD, JoAnne (Marv) Oval of Astoria, SD, Tim (Kay) McTavish of Hill City, SD, Steve (Sheri) Zimmer of Rapid City, SD, Scott (Laurie) Zimmer of Oklahoma City, OK, Dean Zimmer of Camarillo, CA., many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. Her sister Margaret Ann of CA and sisters-in-law, Beryl McGahn and Donna McGahn of MN. She was preceded in death by her husbands - Robert (Mick) McTavish and Robert (Bob) Zimmer; her parents, Emanuel (Mac) and Mary McGahn; brothers, Bud, Ed, and Jack; sisters, Helen and Mary Jane; son, Dan Zimmer; great-grandchildren, Tehlula Lee Thompson and Rhett Warren Fox; great-great-grandchild, Cody Remington-Flowers; and mother and father in-law, Jack and Roberta McTavish; step-mother in-law, Theo McTavish.

Robert Henry Scott 90

Robert Henry Scott was born March 26, 1934 in Delta City, Mississippi. He was the son of Robert Scott Sr. and Florence Manor. For many years, Robert worked as an electrician and he retired in Belle Fourche many years ago.

Robert died June 19, 2024 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche. He was 90 years

old. He is survived by his daughter Lisa Brinkman in Denver, Colorado.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Upcoming June events,
for more information call:
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June 27: 10:30AM YOGA story Time - BF Library, 6PM Hometown Thursday - Tri State Museum
June 28: 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee - Belle Silver Lining, Murder on the Orient Express - BF Rec
June 29: 10AM BUGS! - Tri State Museum, 11AM Author Event - BF Library, 9AM Red Onion Marketplace, Murder on the Orient Express
June 30: July 4: Black Hills Roundup activities
July 1: Cowboy Band in Bandshell @ Hermann Park
July 4: 6AM Rodeo Run - Hermann Park
Carnival July 3rd-7th

C. Commission from A1
of gratitude and compliments, Harms was given a standing ovation for his tenure on the commission.

Earlier, during Public Comments, Dale Simanton had brought forward that a commissioner was in the process of moving and should step down. This was addressed during the Commissioners' comments. Sue Broadhurst questioned the expense of more flowers and food, wondering if that was purchased for the election. She also mentioned that the bridge over Red Water on Snoma Road needs attention.

VSO Jasen Saivong has been busy with veteran transports and making connections for the vets. He will be deployed in July to go overseas for 10 months. In his absence, local vets will be able to notify VSO offices in Lawrence and Meade Counties, along with the State VSO office.

A recount is scheduled for District 4 Commission race between Sue Broadhurst and Terry Batterman for Monday, June 24. A recount board was named by Judge Day. The results will be available that day.

States Attorney LeEllen McCartney asked that the commissioners change the Opioid Settlement monies to include the Northern Hills Drug Court. Presently, the money is divided among ABC, New Dawn, and Teen Court. Northern Hills Drug Court has been in operation since 2007 and has a high success rate. The program enables a person battling addiction the chance to enter a long-term drug and alcohol treatment center under the strict supervision of trained profession-

als. The program helps with basic needs such as housing and travel. It operates in Butte, Meade, and Lawrence counties.

Commissioners voted to include Northern Hills Drug Court, making a four-way split of the opioid settlement money.

Sheriff Fred Lamphere reported on the law enforcement building concept in conjunction with the Belle Fourche Police Department. The city would like to have a commitment from the county soon. However, the cost of leasing space poses a large investment with really no return for the 30 year commitment according to Lamphere.

"It's a big investment but in the end, it's not ours. We need to go back to where we were in the beginning," Lamphere said.

The commissioners agreed and decided to give Lamphere the go-ahead to follow other ideas.

Rushmore Cannabis Care LLC Cultivation was renewed for another year. The decision was made with no dissenting votes.

Auditor Annie Capp informed the commissioners that the seven properties owned by the county have been appraised and are ready to sell. JD Hewitt will handle the marketing of the properties.

The newly proposed Revised Cannabis Ordinance was discussed by McCartney. She explained changes that had been made, especially related to input by the State. The ordinance should be ready by in July. The first reading will be July 23. The auditor has been working on the 2025 budget, preparing for the first reading also.

The next regular meeting will be July 2 at 9:30 am.

Rodeo from A1

pickup man. Will O'Connell was a contestant, a pickup man and a bullfighter before becoming a livestock producer.

By combining two lifetimes of rodeo background and know-how, the O'Connells are taking Championship Pro Rodeo up the ladder of success at a sharpened pace.

"I had the opportunity to work for a lot of the best stock contractors in the PRCA," Will O'Connell said.

"The thing we're putting into this company is the stuff I took from each one of those stock contractors.

I got the opportunity to see what works and what doesn't work, and I took little bits and pieces of what I liked, and that's what I put together in our own production.

"We strive to bring openings and closings and the product that keeps people entertained. It's more than our livestock. You can have great horses and great bulls and great timed-event cattle, but if you don't produce it in a way to sell it to people to keep them entertained, you're not going to have a product to sell for very long."

It's a commodity that's for sale, not on sale, and the proof is showing up day after day. Last year alone, Championship Pro Rodeo had 14 animals chosen to perform at the National Finals Rodeo.

For a man who works with his herd daily, there is great pride in the animal athletes the family has.

Take The Crow, a powerful black horse that carried 2022 bareback riding world champion Jess Pope to 88.5 points and the victory in last December's

eight round, which featured the hardest-to-ride broncs in rodeo.

"I knew I had pretty good odds of having a good shot at winning," Pope said six months ago. "I got on that horse in the short round at Dodge City (Kansas) and got along really well. I was pretty tickled about it."

In addition to the events the firm produces, Championship Pro Rodeo is featured at several other big events across the country, like Dodge City; Spanish Fork, Utah; Arcadia, Florida; Montgomery, Alabama; Corpus Christi, Texas; Salt Lake City; and The American.

"These are rodeos that pay large amounts of money," Will O'Connell said. "For them to win that kind of money on our stock means a lot to us."

It's not just what the company has now that stands out. It's what the O'Connells are doing to increase and improve their herd.

"We've definitely been adding," he said. "It's like any major sport; if you're consistently playing the same players, eventually players get old or get hurt or get worn out. If you're not constantly looking for the next young superstar, you're eventually going to have players that can't play anymore."

"Whether it's horses or bulls or saddle horses, we're always looking for something that's capable of being the next superstar in our herd. Today's highlight reel is tomorrow's memory."

It's a progressive approach to a game that's more than a century old, but it's why Championship Pro Rodeo continues to grow and prosper.

Dylan from A1

After nineteen years outside of the family business, Clarkson was named President and CEO of Pioneer Bank & Trust in Spearfish, where he is a 4th generation banker. Pioneer Bank & Trust is a 1 billion-dollar and growing financial institution, a leader in the South Dakota Banking Industry, and has been owned by the Clarkson family for

over 110 years. Clarkson serves as chairperson for the Community Depository Institution Advisory Council with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis 9th District, council member of the National community Depository Institution Advisory Council, board member of the Banker Advisory Board with the Conference of State Bank Supervi-

Letter to the Editor

I went to the City Council meeting 6-17-2024. I got about the same response I have always been getting. NONE.

We have a serious water hole at the corner of Zeiback & US 85 when it rains. When will something be done about this situation?

If you go north on 13th Avenue to National St. you have to pull clean out across the crosswalk to see if anyone is coming from the right. I'm sure the city could cut the knob enough so a person could see oncoming traffic?

When you drive up Dacar to 13th there are 3 willows on the left blocking your vision. I'm surprised there haven't been a lot of accidents there. Just cut them down. I can do it, I have a chain saw.

There is a hole in the asphalt on Dacar St. I don't know how big it is or how far it goes, but Dacar is the only way out of here for us. This needs to be addressed immediately.

I feel we are being used. It appears to me our city is being run by the city administrator and city lawyer.

The city administrator get \$103,000 per year and benefits, which brings the total to about \$140,000 per year.

The mayor gets \$15,000 per year and each of the council members get \$9,800 per year, which brings the administrative total to about \$250,000 per year. Seems to me we are getting billed twice.

For our administration maybe we need to cut the fat. I don't feel the unelected should be running the city.

We need to have more people stand up and be heard. We might get some action for our council members.

What good is a Mayor and City Council if they do nothing?

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Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 9
The Legacy of Poppies

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During the springtime in France, brilliant red/orange poppies appear by the millions. May is the best month to find them in fields, creeping up through crevices, in back yards, ditches, and otherwise empty spaces. Poppies are magnificent flowers the world around.

In 1915, a poem titled "In Flanders Fields" captured the imagery of poppies blowing in the wind on a foreign battlefield. The setting was Belgium during World War I.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie,

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to

hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

The poet, John McCrae, a Canadian soldier/poet fought in the second battle in a series of brutal battles known collectively as The Battle of Ypres in 1915. The conflict was between the Germans and the Allied Armies (Belgian, British, French, and a mostly volunteer Canadian Expeditionary Force). America did not enter the war until 1917.

McCrae, who was also a physician, survived the battle and spent several days afterward tending to the wounded. During the five engagements of the Battle of Ypres, estimated casualties may have surpassed one million.

McCrae does not describe what was likely a horrific scenario. The Germans had just begun using poisonous gas that caused death by painful asphyxiation. The allied soldiers had no forewarning or protective equipment. Much of the combat was hand to hand and took place in a somewhat confined area.

Rather than providing graphic detail, McCrae's poem is a very emotional tribute to fallen soldiers and an appeal never to forget them or the cause for which they fought. Although declined by the first publisher, the poem went on to become enormously influential.

In 1918, an American college professor from the University of Georgia, Moira

Michael was so inspired by McCrae's poem she wrote and published a poignant response. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/We_Shall_Keep_the_Faith

Michael began a movement to manufacture silk poppies and sell them. The proceeds would go to help disabled veterans. She appeared at a YMCA Overseas War Secretaries' conference with a silk poppy pinned to her lapel. Michael then handed out silk poppies to several of the attendees. Thus began her campaign to turn the common poppy into a symbol for those who have died or suffered loss in war.

The National American Legion adopted the poppy as their official symbol of remembrance in 1920. Meanwhile in France Madame Guérin a French teacher and humanitarian proposed that all World War I Allied countries use artificial poppies, made by French widows and orphans, as an emblem for remembering those who gave their lives during World War I. Sales of the poppies would raise money to support the French survivors and their families.

Today, the Remembrance Poppy encompasses all conflicts that have occurred since. The first American Poppy Day was organized by Madame Guérin the week before Memorial Day in May 1921. Silk poppies were made by the widows and children of the devastated regions of France were used.

Unfortunately, John McCrae died from meningitis in 1918 and never learned the magnitude of the poem's influence. No doubt he would be pleased to know that the world has listened.

Kelly from A1

There is a lot to know about finance and banking. And there is a lot to learn about leadership and people. An effective bank manager must be well-versed in banking, but people skills are just as important. Kelly has both areas of expertise. She has taken advantage of a myriad of leadership seminars and activities offered through various local business and professional associations. "These opportunities have helped me build up my knowledge of banking and leadership." She noted.

Kelly's service does not end at the end of each workday. Her curriculum vitae includes an impressive list of volunteer community commitments. "I love to help people, meet new people, and build relationships in our community." She has repeatedly demonstrated willingness to volunteer, her time, expertise, and interests.

Kelly has served for three years on the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Board, with one year as president. She has volunteered to take tickets at the South Dakota High School Rodeo Association (SDHRA) finals. She has sold tickets for the Black Hills Roundup. Most recently, Kelly has joined the Black Hills Roundup AG Committee.

Kelly likes kids. She and her husband Jamie have raised two, Connor and Chloe. Chloe is a 2024 graduate of Belle Fourche High School while Connor graduated in 2021 and now lives in Crawford, Nebraska.

As an involved parent, Kelly's interest in community participation has gravitated to the schools. For the past seven years she has been involved with Purple Pride. For three years she has supported sors, chairperson of the board of directors with OneHeart Rapid City, and is a member of the Bank CEO Network.

Clarkson and his wife, Nicki, have two young children; Ben and Elyse. They enjoy every day in South Dakota and spend as much time together outside as a family enjoying and discovering everything that our great region has to offer. Many days are spent hiking, skiing, fly fishing, and generally exploring the Black Hills area.

the Bronc Booster Club. Teaching Junior Achievement classes from elementary grades through high schools has been another outlet for Kelly's skills. Junior Achievement is a program that helps students understand financial literacy and responsibility.

Kelly knows how to balance the responsibilities of work, and home life. "Spending time with my family has always been important. When the kids were little, we always tried to take little vacations or trips. We went camping a lot and have always enjoyed being outside." Kelly's husband Jamie is a golfer who taught her and the kids, Connor and Chloe how to play golf.

During the summer, Kelly and Jamie enjoy playing on golf leagues at the Belle Fourche Country Club. When not golfing, they like to attend sporting events, plays and other activities in and around Belle Fourche.

As the Highmark branch manager in Belle Fourche, Kelly likes the challenge of growing the membership, and meeting new people.

Highmark Credit Union is local, full-service credit union, serving residents in the Black Hills for over 80 years. Kelly looks forward to serving the Belle Fourche community as she continues to learn and grow in her chosen career.

July 4th Parade Ready to Go

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—Throwback Thursday is the theme for this year's 4th of July Parade. (*route map is on page C4*). The event kicks off with a B1 Bomber flyover at 10:30 am on July 4.

Fred Lamphere and the Butte County Sheriff's Office are this year's Parade Marshals. "So far over 50 entries have been received online," according to Tessa Eaton, Parade Chairman. Expect floats decked out in red, white and blue, marching bands, cowboys and cowgirls on horseback, rodeo queens and many others celebrat-

ing our American independence.

Curt Westland, Bryton Oedekoven, Jim Kallas and Jack Verry are the parade announcers.

Parade judges are Ashley Pearson and Emily Olson.

Some of the parade awards to be handed out are the McClure Ranch Memorial Award of \$100 to best depiction of this year's parade theme, the Faye Kennedy Memorial Grand Marshal Award of \$100 for the most patriotic entry, and the Eva Hanify Rail Memorial Award of \$100 for the best representation of our western heritage.

Butterfly Kisses and Chocolate Wishes
11:00am--3:00 pm June 29th.

Hi there. My name is Danielle Butler and I am the founder of the non-profit Shirley Speaks.

The non-profits mission is to provide mental health and healing services to victims of domestic violence.

In 2021, my own mother Shirley lost her life to her abuser and we do this work to honor her life.

Our annual event **Butterfly Kisses and Chocolate Wishes** will be held in Belle Fourche at the Community Hall on June 29th.

The event will include lunch, silent auction, speakers, chocolate sampling and a LIVE Butterfly release. All funds raised do to local survivors of domestic violence and unfortunately it is prevalent in our community. Thanks you,

Danielle Butler

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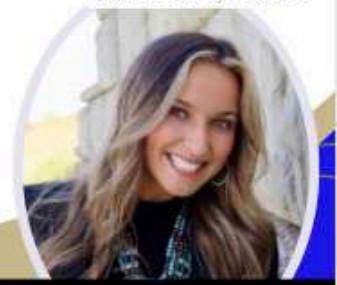
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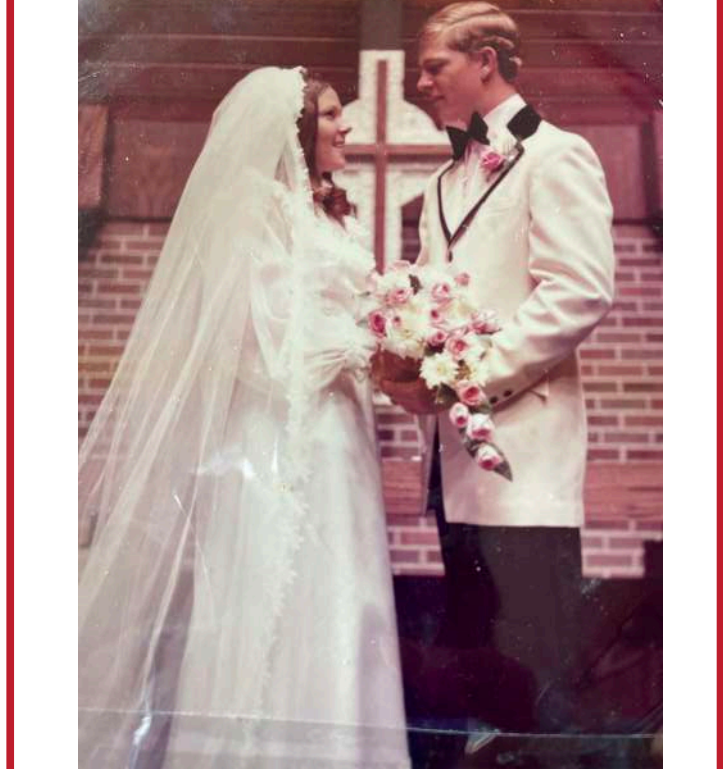


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Pete & Donna Buer's 50th
Please join us at the Branding Iron Social Room on Saturday June 29th to celebrate Pete & Donna Buer's 50th wedding anniversary.
We will have cake, coffee and socializing from 2:00-4:00 and then the Buer family will start jamming so bring your dancing shoes!



Albert Everett Davis 97

Albert Everett Davis, 97, of Belle Fourche died June 22, 2024 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Fort Meade, SD.
Albert was born April 11, 1927 in Mason, SD to Joseph and Iva (Noyce) Davis. His mother passed away in 1928 and Albert was raised by his mother's cousin, Lucile Newman whom Joseph married. Albert attended 4 years of high school in Belle Fourche and graduated with the class of 1945.
He enlisted in the United States Air Force while still in high school and entered active duty, July 15, 1945. During his service he was deployed to Guam and while there he was in charge of the EM (Enlisted Men's) Club and planned all the gatherings which he described as "parties on the beach but there weren't any girls, just the guys".
Albert was honorably discharged June 24, 1946. He received the WWII Victory Medal. He reinstated in 1946 and was discharged in 1947 and then became active in the National Guard until 1950.
Albert had several careers throughout his life starting with Safeway, then Slys Grocery. He worked at a meat packing plant in Washington State prior to relocating to Casper, WY where he worked several odd jobs including driving for UPS and for the Shirley Basin Uranium Mine. He was very proud of his 20 year career for PacifiCorp as a Locomotive Engineer.
Albert married LaVonne Lois Lash out of high school and they had a child Vicky. They divorced and he



married Edna Lorraine Randall and they had a son Ricky and Albert then adopted her 4 children, Evelyn, Wayne Douglas, Chan and Randy. They eventually divorced and Albert remarried his first wife LaVonne and was married until her death in 2014. Following her passing Albert moved to Nisland to live with his son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Kay Davis, until Kays passing in 2021 he then moved to Gillette to live with his granddaughter, Channa. In 2023 Albert moved to Belle Fourche and lived independently until October 2023.
He was a member of the VFW and several bowling leagues. Albert loved bowling, gardening, hunting, camping, fishing, riding and driving Side by Sides, coin collecting and crossword puzzles, playing cards especially cribbage. He was a fan of the Denver Broncos and the Golden State Warriors. He and LaVonne loved to travel to Arizona for the winters. Al took many trips to the Big Horns hunting and fishing, of which his family all remembers with great fondness. In the summer of 2017 Albert traveled to Washington State and was able to fulfill his dream of deep sea fishing.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Iva and his adoptive mother, Lucile; his wife, LaVonne; siblings, Florence Stedilic, Ivan Don Davis, Shirley Hise and an infant sister, Linda Davis.
Grateful for sharing his life are his daughters, Vicky Young of Montana

Roy Allen Huffman 80

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Roy Huffman who left us on Friday, November 3, 2023, at the age of 80. Roy led a life filled with love, joy, and dedication. He was a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, and a dear friend to many. His impact on those around him was immeasurable, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and resilience.
He taught High School Science, Art, Photography, & Physics. He coached Basketball, tennis, track, cross country, softball, & facilitated science clubs. Many of his students remember him as their favorite teacher. Throughout his 80 years, Roy pursued his passions with enthusiasm, analysis, and a competitive spirit. He loved tennis, science, art, and travel. Roy will be



remembered not only for his achievements but for the kindness and compassion he extended to others. His laughter, wisdom, and warm spirit created lasting memories that will be cherished by all who knew him.
Roy is survived by his siblings: Clarence Huffman and Rosalie Bury, his two sons Kent and Troy Huffman, and his grandson Caleb Huffman. Roy was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Rhoda Huffman. Roy was especially fond of his grandmother, Francis Harney. Roy was a pillar of support and a source of inspiration for his family, always offering unwavering love and guidance. His memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Carol J. Olson 83

Carol J. Olson, 83, of Faith, passed away unexpectedly on June 14th, 2024. Funeral services for Carol were at 11:00 a.m., at the Faith Community Center, Faith, South Dakota, Thursday, June 20, 2024. Interment followed at the Monument Hill Cemetery near Mud Butte.
Carol Jean Keil was born November 30, 1940, in Lemmon to William and Alma (Kolb) Keil. Carol grew up the only and oldest sister with her 3 brothers on the family home place north of the Moreau River. During her early school years, she attended the Endlee Country School. When she moved on to high school she went to Newell where she graduated from Newell High. Following graduation, she started working in Rapid City for the city water department as a billing clerk. On February 9, 1963, Carol married Melvin J. "Junior" Olson at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Sturgis. Jr and Carol spent their entire married life together on the family ranch where they started their family. They were blessed to raise Jim, Billy and Karyn near Mud Butte. Once the kids were older and going to high school in Faith Carol moved to town part time with them and began working as a custodian at the Faith School. She moved on in the district to become first a special education aide in Faith and then in the later years she took the aide position at the Maurine country school. She treasured her time with all of those kids and teachers she worked with. They touched her life and she theirs.
She had a passion for photography, her yard and flowers, and for many years her Christmas lights. In her later years she developed a strong interest in poli-



tics, and she wasn't afraid to share her point of view with any and everyone.
The biggest joys of her life arrived in the late 1990's and early 2000's. She became a grandma to first, her 6-pack and then Colby put the finishing touches on the group. She attended any and every activity she was able to get to and was not at all afraid to share all about the boys to anyone who would listen. A day in town was always a treat. Carol enjoyed to shop and have lunch with Sis. She was headed to do just that very thing on the day of her untimely accident.
Carol is survived by her husband, Melvin "Junior" Olson; children, Jim (Janine) Olson, Pueblo, CO, Billy (Toni) Olson, Karyn (Jeff) Storm; seven grandsons, Tyus Olson, AJ Storm, Dominic Olson, Shane Storm, Trevor Olson, Derek Olson, and Colby Olson; Three brothers, Ervin (Vivian) Keil, Dick Keil and Dennis (Connie) Keil; sister-in-law, Wilma Glendenning, and numerous neices and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Alma Keil; father and mother-in-law, Bill and Lillian Olson; sister-in-law, Virginia Keil and brother-in-law, Bill Glendenning.
A memorial has been established to the Mud Butte Fire Department. Floral arrangements can be made at Keffeler Creations, Faith, SD. Orders can be placed by calling the store directly at 605-967-2330. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinakdefunerals.com.

Rita Kay Holdhusen 73

Rita Kay Holdhusen, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many, passed away on June 9th, 2024 in Portage, Indiana at the age of 73.
She was born in Belle Fourche, SD on July 8th 1950 to Shelly and Vi Shaw. She was blessed to have her brothers, Curt and Doug, numerous grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins close by for all of her childhood. It was at this early she started her collection of friends that continued accumulating till her passing.
She graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1968. That fall she started at Northern State in Aberdeen and after a few years moved to Tucson, Arizona where she worked and took some classes. Eventually she moved back to Belle to help care for her dad Shelly who was having some health issues.
Shortly after she gave birth to her son Linn on February 19, 1975. She helped with grandpa, raised her son and worked various jobs in Belle Fourche culminating with being hired as a lab tech for Baroid.
It was there that she met and later married Richard (Dick) Holdhusen on September 29th 1979 at Dicks aunts ranch near Hermosa and the foothills of the Black Hills. A more perfect spot does not exist.
They lived in Belle for a bit and then bought Rita's grandparents house in Spearfish, SD. Daughter Betsy arrived on August 1, 1981. With both Dick and Rita's jobs in Belle and Linn and Betsy's grandparents also there, they moved back to Belle in October of 1983 to the house on 8th avenue which is still Dick and Rita's home today.



Rita's kindness, generosity, and warm spirit touched the lives of everyone she met. Linn and Betsy's friends became her friends and later her grandchildren's friends also joined the family.
She had a remarkable ability to make friends everywhere she went. Including the last weeks in the hospital. She was always more concerned with everybody else's problems more than her own. Especially when it came to family. True story that she beat the fire dept. to Betsy's when they had a house fire. Her selflessness and love for friends and family showed thru time and time again.
Her grandkids became the focal point of her life in her later years. Always made time for them and their friends. Her painting buddies also brought satisfaction and joy to her life. Last but not least were her fur babies. A better dog mom could not be found anywhere.
Survivors of Rita include husband Dick and puppy Ziva. Son, Linn Holdhusen of Portland, Oregon. Daughter Betsy (Tim) Stearns of Valparaiso, Indiana. Grandchildren Jack, Tessa, and Evie Stearns. Sister in law Marilyn Shaw, nephew Sheldon Shaw and many other family members.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Shelly and Vi and her brothers Curt and Doug Shaw. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.
May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Pamela Jane Potter 67

Pamela Jane Potter, 67, of Belle Fourche died at her home on June 13, 2024.
Pam was born October 15, 1956 in Billings, Montana to James and Marjorie (Gjerde) Gass. Pam moved to Belle Fourche in 1970 from Spokane, WA with her mother and brother. She graduated from Belle Fourche High School in 1974.
Pam married Willard Potter and they celebrated 48 years of marriage.



She is survived by her husband, Willard Potter; her son, Dax Potter; grandson, Marly Potter and great granddaughter, Vivian Potter; her brother, Errol Eppens and his children, Trevor and Schale and her stepfather, Larry Backhaus.
An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com

Oscar Arispe Gonzales 62

Oscar Arispe Gonzales, 62, of Belle Fourche died at his home from complications of diabetes on September 21, 2023.
A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, July 6 at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche with burial to follow at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. Please wear bright colors, no black, let this be casual. There will be a gathering following the burial at the Branding Iron from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for all who would like to join.



The family suggests memorials to the Diabetes Association and the National Kidney Fund. Memorials can be mailed to Lynda Gonzales, 7658 Gray Way, Arvada, CO 80003.
The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Oscar's obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com
An online guest book and video tribute is available

and Evelyn Kinney of Wyoming; son, Ricky Davis of Nisland; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and nieces, nephews and extended family; brothers, Wesley Davis, Byron Davis, Ron Davis and Dan Davis; sisters, Beverly Penn, Sandra Oster, Marsha Richards and Joan Anderson.
A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, June 29 at 11:00 am at Kline Funeral Chapel in Belle Fourche with inurnment following in Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche. Military honors provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard and the Air Force Honor Guard.

The family extends an invitation for everyone to join them at the Branding Iron Steakhouse and Social Club immediately following the burial.
Honorary pallbearers are his brothers, Wesley Davis, Byron Davis, Ron Davis and Dan Davis; nephews, Calvin Randall and Craig Randall.
The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Alberts obituary page at klinefuneralchapel.com An online guest book is available at klinefuneralchapel.com





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“One Book South Dakota” Author at Belle Fourche Public Library

Trent Preszler, the author of “Little and Often”, will be at the Belle Fourche Public Library Saturday, June 29 at 11 a.m. for a Meet and Greet to talk about his book which was chosen as the 2024 “One Book South Dakota”. The One Book program is an annual event that encourages people across the state to read and discuss the same book throughout the year.

Little and Often focuses on a single year during which Preszler, a South Dakota Native who grew up on a ranch between Faith and Lemmon and now living on Long Island, mourns the death of his estranged father by using inherited tools to build a wooden canoe.

In the process, he comes to better understand his father – a cattle rancher, rodeo champion, and Vietnam War Bronze Star Medal recipient – and himself. The contrast between those settings, as well as his level of comfort in each one, is at the heart of the book.

For questions about the event or to check out the book, call the Belle Fourche Public Library at 605-892-4407.

The program is funded by a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

USA TODAY BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR “Little and Often is a beautiful memoir of grief, love, the shattered bond between a father and son, and the resurrection of a broken heart. Trent Preszler tells his story with the same level of art and craftsmanship that he brings to his boat making, and he reminds us of creativity’s power to transform and heal our lives.

This is a powerful and deeply moving book. I won’t soon forget it.” —Elizabeth Gilbert

Trent Preszler thought he was living the life he always wanted, with a job at a winery and a sea-side Long Island home, when he was called back to the life he

left behind.

After years of estrangement, his cancer-stricken father had invited him to South Dakota for Thanksgiving. It would be the last time he saw his father alive.

Preszler’s only inheritance was a beat-up wooden toolbox that had belonged to his father, who was a cattle rancher, rodeo champion, and Vietnam War Bronze Star Medal recipient. This family heirloom befuddled Preszler.

He did not work with his hands—but maybe that was the point. In his grief, he wondered if there was still a way to understand his father, and with that came an epiphany: he would make something with his inheritance.

Having no experience or training in woodcraft, driven only by blind will, he decided to build a wooden canoe, and he would aim to paddle it on the first anniversary of his father’s death.

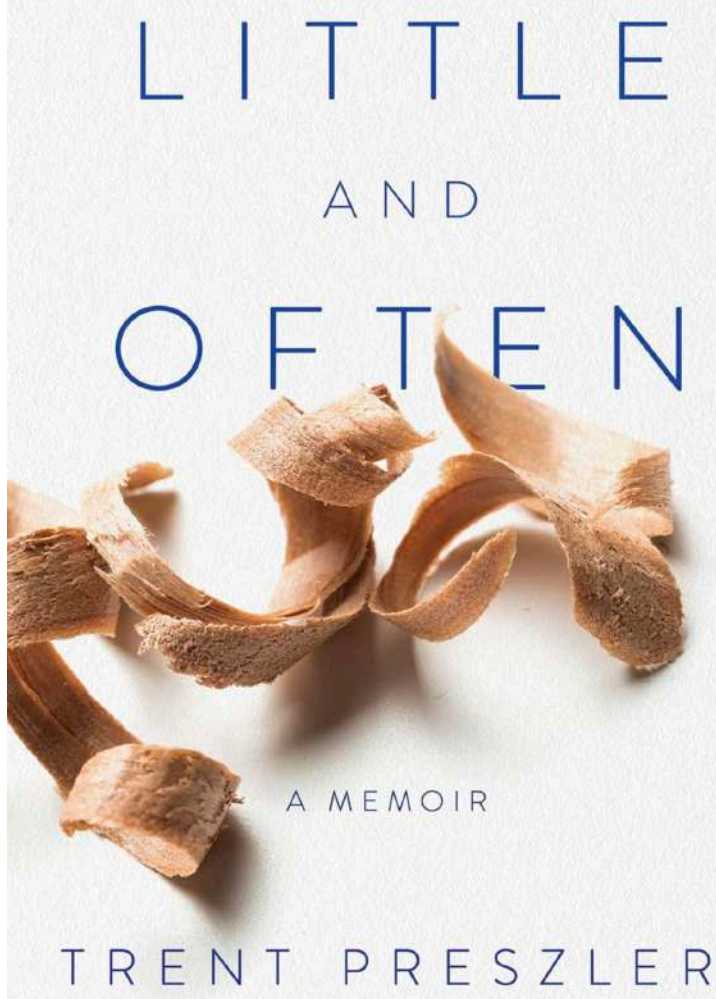
While Preszler taught himself how to use his father’s tools, he confronted unexpected revelations about his father’s secret history and his own struggle for self-respect.

The grueling challenges of boatbuilding tested his limits, but the canoe became his sole consolation. Gradually, Preszler learned what working with his hands offered: a different perspective on life, and the means to change it.

Little and Often is an unflinching account of bereavement and a stirring reflection on the complexities of inheritance. Between his past and his present, and between America’s heartland and its coasts, Preszler shows how one can achieve reconciliation through the healing power of creativity.

“Insightful, lyrical... Little and Often proves to be a rich tale of self-discovery and reconciliation. Resonating with Robert Pirsig’s classic Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, it is a profound father-and-son odyssey that discovers the importance of the beauty of imperfection and small triumphs that make extraordinary happen.” —USA Today

“A beautiful memoir of grief, love, the shattered bond between a father and son, and the resurrection of a broken heart. . . . Powerful and deeply moving.” —ELIZABETH GILBERT



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Hometown Thursdays is Underway !



Hometown Thursdays are in full swing in Belle Fourche. **South Highway 85 Band** was the performer this Thursday, June 20. The band played classic crowd pleasers including Proud Mary and Neon Moon as members of the community listened and danced. A number of vendors including **Crazee Cow Ice Cream**, **Grandma’s Kettle Corn**, **El Sombrero** and plenty more served the large crowd. The event will continue Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. through July, behind the **Tri-State Museum & Visitor Center**.

Broncs Repeat as State Champs



Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



Time to get on board! Murder on the Orient Express opening night is tomorrow, Thursday, June 27th at 7 PM at the Rec Center Theater! Cast and crew have created a luxury train trip back in time with one of Agatha Christie's most famous works. Those who have had a peek at the show in these final practices report that the audience will be impressed with the suspenseful characters, unique set transitions, and elaborate costuming. Be sure and plan to spend a night of mystery - or maybe more than one night - June 27th-30th. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows are at 7 PM and Sunday's show is at 3 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children and are available through the BFACT website: bellefourcheact.com.

Get your reservation for the First Saturday Brunch in August: Spokane Townsite - Ghost Towns and Ghosts on Saturday, August 3rd from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. Archaeologist Janie Knutson will present on the Spokane Townsite and nearby mines; the importance of maintaining cultural artifacts - and a murder mystery from the area. Brunch is at 10 AM, \$5 per person or free with membership; presentation at 10:30 is free to all. Reservations required so call 605-723-1200. Please call to cancel if you cannot keep your reservation as there is always a waiting list.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming fine arts events:

June 27, 28, 29, & 30: BFACT presents: Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express. Thurs.-Sat., June 27-29, shows @ 7 PM & Sun., June 30, show @ 3 PM.

June 27, Dakota Country @ HOMETOWN THURSDAY, Center of the Nation park, 6-9 PM

July 4, Wilt Brothers @ HOMETOWN THURSDAY, Center of the Nation park, 6-9 PM

July 11, Rathco @ HOMETOWN THURSDAY, Center of the Nation park, 6-9 PM

July 18, Revolver @ HOMETOWN THURSDAY, Center of the Nation park, 6-9 PM

July 25, Camp Comfort @ HOMETOWN THURSDAY, Center of the Nation park, 6-9 PM

August 1, Drive by Night @ HOMETOWN THURSDAY, Center of the Nation park, 6-9 PM

August 3, Spokane Townsite - Ghost Towns and Ghosts" with archeologist Janie Knutson, First Saturday Brunch, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Tri-State Museum, call to reserve.

August 16 & 17: BFACT presents: The Live Radio Play: Sherlock Holmes & the West End Horror.

October 10: BFACT presents: the 3rd Annual Getting Our Acts Together: A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts.

December 13-15: BFACT holiday production: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, the Musical.

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at bellelavenue@gmail.com. I especially love the juicy backstage dish and green room gossip! Mark your calendars, friends, so you don't forget to Show Up! (Photos on B2)

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Amendment H, our top-two open primaries initiative in South Dakota, is gaining momentum. The state recently approved it for voters to consider on the November ballot. Then the recent primary election left many people in the state disappointed. Increasingly, South Dakotans are recognizing the benefits of our proposal.

The stars seem aligned for open primaries right now.

Only 17% of eligible voters participated in the polls on June 4th. Consequently, a small, motivated group of political outliers had a disproportionate influence on selecting winners in legislative races across the state. Several mainstream incumbents lost, serving as a wake-up call for many in the political establishment.

Positive Polling

A South Dakota NewsWatch article reporting on their recent poll was very positive, as have been many recent articles, including this one. The poll showed 55% in favor and only 33% opposed to the concept of open primaries, and this poll was conducted well before the disappointment of the low-turnout primary election. The favorable number was up from 49% six months earlier.

Anecdotally, we have heard supportive comments from numerous politicians and elected officials, although many say they fear expressing that support publicly. They don't want to be taken out in the next primary by the party bosses. Recently, we have also noticed a decline in political leaders voicing negative opinions about the proposal.

Our Challenge: Inform the Public About Open Primaries

We have been informing and educating South Dakotans about open primaries since 2016. In the last 18 months, our efforts have increased in anticipation of the 2024 public vote on whether to adopt top-two open primary elections.

One of the most effective ways we have found to inform South Dakotans about open primary elections is through social media. Many of our Facebook posts reach thousands. And it is not unusual for hundreds to give our posts a "Like."

Some of our most popular social media posts include:

Fairness

- Closed primaries are patently unfair in one party states.
- Let all voters vote!
- Independents should have the same voting rights as Republicans and Democrats.
- Independent voters are second class citizens in South Dakota.
- 150,000 independent minded South Dakotans have little to now say in who represents or governs them.



- If you claim to love freedom and democracy, but don't care if it applies to everyone, what you really love is privilege. • Tax-payers should be able to vote in elections they pay for..

Competition



- South Dakota deserves leaders who have survived a competitive election.
- We need a better system for hiring people to govern us.

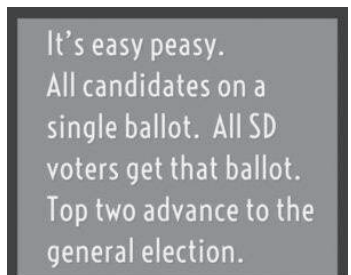
Partisan Polarization

- A highly motivated group of political outliers has an outsize influence on political outcomes in our state.
- Successful candidates will appeal to all voters, not just a partisan few.
- Partisan bosses on both sides tend to dislike open primaries.
- In our closed primary system, party bosses often decide who will run and who will be elected.
- Many voters have little to do with the process..

Process

- Our election system is failing. Let's fix it!
- South Dakota's constitution says every citizen "shall be entitled to vote in all elections."
- Open primaries would restore rational government to South Dakota.

The November election is a long way off. In the meantime, we have much work to do to educate and inform South Dakotans about what open primaries is and why it would improve our elections. Amendment H, our top two, open primaries proposal, is a more fair and competitive system that would help rationalize our politics and focus elected officials on doing what's best for South Dakota...



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VIEWPOINT

A proposal to eliminate property taxes in South Dakota

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Much discussion has been had in South Dakota, especially more recently, about lowering the burden of property taxes on our residents.

Here is my proposal to eliminate all residential property taxes statewide.

Before explaining this proposal, I'd like to preface this by saying I feel our current property tax system is antiquated and quite frankly, broken.

It picks winners and losers, and is taxing homeowners out of their homes, not to mention the stress and strain it is putting on those who have worked hard to get their own homes as well.

We could discuss endless measures tweaking our property tax system, or we could look at options other states have done, like Proposition 13 in California passed in 1978, etc.

Instead, let's just think outside the box and come up with a property tax replacement, an elimination if you will. Are you with



Tim Goodwin
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me so far? Here it goes. For every penny, or 1% sales tax collected, it generates approximately 300 million in revenue.

Property taxes collected in 2021 were \$1.49 million. So, if we increased sales tax by a nickel and 1/2 penny (5.5%), that would generate 1.5 billion statewide.

As you can see, this is more than enough revenue TO REPLACE ALL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAXES STATEWIDE. Too simple? Maybe, but this would apply only to residential properties, not commercial or agricultural land. It would impact farm and ranch homes because

that is taxed separately from the agricultural land. Right now, our state sales tax is 4.5%. Adding the nickel would take it to 9.5%. If we wanted to be safe, we could make it 5.5% for an even dime (10%) state sales tax. If we added municipalities up to 2% more, that takes it up to 12%.

The advantage of this tax shift, called a "consumption tax", means we are only taxed on what we consume, and another advantage is that our nearly 15 million tourists who come to South Dakota would contribute more.

In visiting with local business owners in the Black Hills, particularly those in the tourism industry, they felt a dime (10%) state sales tax would have minimal, if any, effect on their business. In visiting with homeowners, they overwhelmingly supported this tax shift. So, there you have it.

This is only my proposal. Is it time to think out of the box? A dime state sales tax eliminates all residential property taxes within the borders of our great state that we call South Dakota. *Tim Goodwin is an Army veteran and a former state legislator. He is the Republican nominee to represent District 30*

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ly-subsidized highway and aviation competition enjoy. If we want to turbo-charge these economic opportunities for our state, we should call for the implementation of these passenger routes that will upgrade railroad lines while also enhancing freight & economic development opportunities.

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West River), our critical and growing importance to Washington D.C. is well recognized!

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The Federal Dollar will go much further, and be more meaningful at creating lasting sustainable opportunities,

being spent on an expanded long distance passenger rail network in rural America; being spent on areas like South Dakota.

"People live here!" It's time that we demand the Federal investment long denied us!

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Learning, Exercise, Fun! Summer is for Kids

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Belle Fourche has amenities for people of all ages. But if you're under 18, Belle Fourche may be one of the best places around to enjoy June, July, and most of August.

That's because the Belle Fourche Recreation Center, The Belle Fourche Public Library, and the Tri-State Museum have joined together to coordinate accessible, affordable, engaging activities for kids during the summer.

Program Coordinator Tessa Anderson-Voyles is largely responsible for the collaboration efforts and the ideas for the vision of inclusive and appropriate summer activities for children in Belle Fourche.

During the first two weeks of the summer the Belle Fourche Rec Center has offered the following programs at area parks in Belle Fourche: wiffleball, kickball, pickleball, story-time yoga, spike-ball, beach volleyball, and art. Activities are scheduled through August.

Copies of the summer calendar can be picked up at the rec center or viewed online on either the rec center website or Facebook page. <https://www.bellefourcherec.com/schedules/> https://www.facebook.com/BFRecCenter/?locale=zh_CN

All park activities are free; however, a one-time summer waiver must be signed to participate and youth 7 and under must be supervised by someone 12 or older.

Activities in the Rec require a membership or day pass (\$3.25) per youth

Thus far, the activities have been very well-received. "Many participants have attended multiple activities."

Tessa explained. "Story-time Yoga at the Library had 52 kids in attendance."

Snacks are available on most days and there are many fun giveaways too. In June, the rec center is giving out a wiffleball and bat set, kickball, beach ball, pickleball paddles and ball, basketballs and sunglasses.

The activities offer a lot of

flexibility for working parents too. Tessa Anderson-Voyles explained that kids who participate in a rec activity can arrive early, they can stay and play in the gym or racquetball court. Kids can also hang out in the lobby and play games such as ping-pong, foosball, or use the interactive Obie. Swimming will be available again soon.

"Our lifeguards have been assisting with these summer activities, which has been a huge help". Tessa noted. "The lifeguards have enjoyed doing something different during the pool shutdown.

Helping to supervise the kids and facilitate the activities gives them a break from cleaning, painting, and the other pool renovation chores.

Outdoor activities are weather permitting. Check Facebook or call the Rec for updates. The Belle Fourche Rec Center is located at 1111 National Street. The phone number is (605) 892-2467.



Progress continues at the Rec Center Swimming Pool as workers finish final details. *English Photo*



Storytime Yoga. *English Photo*



Kickball. *English Photo*



Serving Volleyball. *English Photo*



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Storytime Plein Air. *English Photo*

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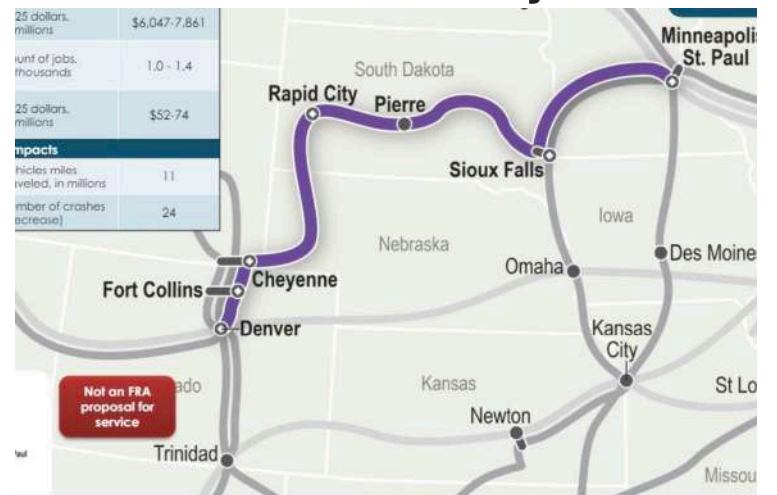
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FRA Amtrak Long Distance Service Study



Fellow South Dakotans!!,
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All proposed new long-distance routes are feasible and defensible, including the routes through South Dakota. Now it will be on us to make sure Congress works to enact these nationally-critical, nationally-essential, passenger rail service routes. The routes through South Dakota are likely to perform similarly to other long-distance routes.

FRA Long Distance Study-Round 4 Workshops
The concept of expanded passenger rail has continued to gain widespread attention and support. The project team received over 47,000 comments in the month after the Round 3 workshops, with 99% supportive of passenger rail.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul-Denver route was one of the most commented on routes after the workshops, generating almost 300 comments alone. As we have seen these past few months, South Dakotans are keenly interested in the possibility of Amtrak and understand how this investment could also greatly benefit freight rail and economic development opportunities across the state. This interest was matched by comments elsewhere. Even though there would need to be significant coordination and construction, both routes through South Dakota rate in the middle of the weighted priority list developed by the project team. Support from our Congressional delegation (Senator Thune, Senator Rounds, and Representative Johnson) would bring these routes to fruition, after having been talked about (but unrealized) for decades.

The construction activities alone would yield billions of dollars of economic benefits in addition to the on-going direct and indirect economic benefits once the services are operating. The economic stimulus could very well rival building of the US Interstate Highways or the Missouri River Dams. Again, these routes would perform comparably to other long-distance routes.

Federal Investment and Favoritism
It is important to emphasize how Federal investments (or lack thereof) have long disadvantaged South Dakota's railroad system. Starting in the territorial era, generous land grants (subsidies) were given to the railroads building through what are today North Dakota and Nebraska. South Dakota, in comparison, received almost nothing.

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In the 1970s Congress bailed out the Northeast Corridor and northeastern United States railroad network (after the glorious implosion that was the Penn Central Railroad) but allowed the collapse of the still-viable but horrendously mis-managed Milwaukee Road Railroad, impacting South Dakota severely (even forcing Governor Janklow to call a special session of the state legislature, to Pierre, in August,

(without air conditioning!!) to react to this crisis).
More recently in 2007, the Federal Railroad Administration denied the \$2 Billion loan (about \$3.5 Billion today; a loan mind you...) for the DM&E Railroad to build their powder basin coal line extension. This would have significantly enhanced much of the track the Twin Cities to Denver train would run on across South Dakota. Ironically FRA Administrator Joe Boardman, who denied the loan, would later go on to lead Amtrak....

"National Network or Nothing"- Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX)
The chronic cost escalations for projects on the Northeast Corridor and other national projects would have more than paid for the route across South Dakota multiple times. The need to complete important (but costly) projects elsewhere does not take away from the needs we have in rural America. We not only deserve service, we deserve good service. And we deserve it ASAP! Over 50 years is too long to wait for what we're already paying for. The amount of Federal funding this would mean for South Dakota would completely blow the meager STC Grants out of the water.

An attack on one route, current or proposed, is an attack on all routes. That includes the routes through South Dakota.
South Dakota's Call to Action
There has not been a better time in the 53+ years of Amtrak to call for Federal investment in our railroads. It is upon us to make sure Congress works to enact these essential rail services.

On-going economic development projects like Schwan's in Sioux Falls and the Black Hills Industrial Center deserve public investment as their federally-subsidized highway and aviation competition enjoy. If we want to turbo-charge these economic opportunities for our state, we should call for the implementation of these passenger routes that will upgrade railroad lines while also enhancing freight & economic development opportunities.

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August 8th - No Sale - Sturgis Bike Rally Time
August 15th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
August 22nd - Regular Sale - Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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Nathan Thompson as Poirot has a carload of suspects in Murder on the Orient Express as seen at this photo shoot on the 1880 Train in Hill City. Cast members also include Tyler Schone - Michell, Chyann Cody - Mrs. Hubbard, Owen Lightenberg - Ratchet, Timothy Thompson- Macqueen, Taffy Anderson - Greta, Sharon Thompson - Princess, Katharina Steeve's - Countess, Nathan Thompson - Poirot, Mitchell Clark - Bouc, Stephanie Bussiere - Mary, Austin Huether - Arbutnot, Carston Sechser - Head Waiter. Courtesy Photo

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Account of Belle Fourche Bank Robbery from *Empty Saddles Forgotten Names, Outlaws of the Black Hills and Wyoming* by Doug Engebretson

All the facts quoted here are footnoted from Belle Fourche Times, Deadwood Pioneer-Times, and Charles Kelly's The Outlaw Trail: The Story of Butch Cassidy and "The Wild Bunch"

When "the Curry gang" botched the June 27, 1897 robbery of the Butte County Bank the editor of the Belle Fourche Times was left to ponder a perplexing problem, one which he felt could have a national impact. "If 25 men, armed to the teeth, succeeded in killing a horse belonging to one of their own number, how many men will be required to whip Spain, in the event of war with that country?" he philosophically inquired.

H. Chapman, C. A. Dana, Rev. Clough, E. M. Mitchell and Sam Arnold were in the bank waiting to transact business when the bank officially opened.

As Cashier A. H. Marble and accountant Tinchnor were preparing for the day's business three or four men, their guns drawn, burst into the bank yelling, "Hold up your hands." Those inside readily complied with the order, but as Mr. Marble testified later, the gang seemed to be at a complete loss about what they should do next. "They seemed rattled, running from one man to another, telling them to hold up their hands; they did not seem to do much of anything except run from one man to another" Marble grabbed a revolver which was hidden near his elbow. He pointed it at the nearest intruder and squeezed the trigger. The minor explosion he expected was reduced to a lowly "click" as the bullet misfired. Good authority had it that, his heroics failing, the only thing preventing Marble's arms from being any higher in the air was his height, or rather, his lack of it.

Rev. Clough who was back of the cashier's screen writing a letter started forward at the unusual amount of noise. He was immediately confronted by a "row of six-shooter muzzles" and ordered to put up his hands too. "Why I'm only a poor Methodist preacher," he assured the gang. "You don't want anything of me." "Preacher be damned," came the terse reply. "Put up your hands." Discretion being the better part of valor, it was said later, the Reverend, when he discovered how lightly the gang regarded the cloth, ran into the bank vault.

Alanson Giles, from his hardware store almost opposite the bank, saw the men's hands in the air over the window's half curtains. Realizing that something was wrong at the

bank Giles ran across the street and opened the bank door. The interior of the bank bristled with six-shooters and Giles made a hasty retreat back to his store with one of the robbers in close pursuit.

A Mr. Tracy, whose testimony would later identify Tom O'Day as a member of the gang, saw Giles and his pursuer and went to get a closer look-see. "I thought it was some kind of joke," he testified. Giles ran out the back door of his store and sounded the alarm that the bank was being robbed.

At this Tom O'Day and Walter Puntaney stepped out of the bank and began shooting up and down the street and into the stores of Giles' and the Gay Brothers. At the sound of the shooting, O'Day's horse, which had been left unhitched ran off to join those of the fleeing robbers, leaving O'Day on foot. In their hasty departure one of the gang had the presence of mind to scoop up the precious little money the robbery netted: ninety-seven dollars.

Although Mr. Marble's little pistol misfired in the bank, given some good ammunition, he proved to be a real heller with a gun. City Marshal Lee Brooks testified, "When I got there Mr. Marble was shooting, but the robbers were no where in sight."

O'Day attempted to make the best of a bad situation and yelled at Brooks, "Don't shoot at the horses, they have one of mine." His ploy worked. No one realized O'Day was one of the bank robbers until he mounted an old mule and tried to urge it in the direction of Sundance Hill, the escape route taken by his companions.

A small crowd gathered to witness the mule grudgingly begin to move but emerge victorious -- and go in the opposite direction.

O'Day then abandoned the mule and set about to find a horse. He walked down the street and broke into a run at the vacant lot between Sebastian's Saloon and the Times office. Butcher Rusaw Bowman was the first to realize why O'Day's horse had joined the others and took up pursuit of him. He saw O'Day run past the "water closet", then turn around and duck into it. O'Day held his left hand in front of him, but Bowman was able to see a concealed revolver, half out of its holster. When O'Day emerged moments later, Bowman "throw down" on him and held him at bay until others arrived. Bowman then made a search of O'Day's pockets which yielded a pint of whiskey, some .44 calibre bullets and \$392.50.

From atop the elevator Frank Bennett observed a rider lagging behind the others. Bennett aimed his gun at the horse and squeezed the trigger. Town blacksmith Joseph Miller had ridden barely two



by Mary Buchholz

hundred yards in pursuit of the robbers before "sure-shot Bennett" killed his horse out from under him. Miller's problems were not over; it was with considerable difficulty that the angry townspeople were refrained from shooting Miller before he was recognized.

O'Day's net loss: His freedom; his nickel-plated Colt .44 (with shells and holster, fished from the "water closet") his horse (stolen); his gear (probably came with the horse); and the \$392.50 found in his pockets. All no doubt flashed through his mind as he saw the rest of "the boys" ride out of sight over Sundance Hill. O'Day's horse, shot in the foreleg, was found tied to a fence on Sundance Hill. Two quarts of whiskey, good whiskey according to Mr. Tracy, was found in the saddlebags. And how did Mr. Tracy know that it was good whiskey? That came out at the hearing- in an unusual bit of testimony -- when Mr. Tracy inadvertently admitted to being a connoisseur of bad whiskey: Mr. Tracy: "I just happened to be looking at the whiskey he (O'Day) carried; that was how I came to notice him." Defense Attorney: "That was good whiskey?" Mr. Tracy: "Yes, sir -- I have not tried it."

The posse, which numbered as high as 100 at times, had sight of the gang at frequent intervals throughout the day.

The robbers, identified by James Craig as "the Curry gang", remained just out of pistol range. Craig was familiar with them from his days as manager of the VVV Cattle Company, said the outlaws home ground was "the Hole-in-the-Wall."

The Belle Fourche Times issue of July 18, 1897 was the first time "the Hole-in-the-Wall" was used in print to describe one of the most famous outlaw havens in the west.

Back in Belle Fourche a large mob of irate citizens had gathered around O'Day and displayed a rope and every intention of hanging him. Safely in the protective clutches of the law O'Day taunted, "Go ahead and hang me, boys. You will never see a man die any gamer than I will."

A few days earlier a one-legged man, arrested for being drunk, had started a fire in the jail to keep warm. He had such great success in his endeavor to keep warm that the jail, with the exception of the steel cage burned to the ground. Soon after the cage had cooled down he was again placed in the steel cage and given a day and night for meditation. After showing

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proper gratitude for not being lynched he was released on the condition he "quit" Belle Fourche; a condition he readily accepted.
O'Day was the next illustrious "boarder" of the steel cage, remaining in it until the train was ready to leave Belle Fourche for Deadwood. After he was transferred to the Deadwood jail O'Day obtained W. O. Temple as his defense attorney.
(This article will be continued in the next Beacon.)

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Belle Fourche area walleye fishermen transported their angling skills to Lake Oahe this past week. The quartet from left **Ray Auer, Kim Smoot, Ron Ensz, and Bill Smoot** were able to show some success. The group put nice eating size fish in the boat on days/times it wasn't raining.
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	13	Black-Cow	1458	163.00	\$2,376.66
	8	Black-Cow	1410	160.00	\$2,256.00
Gail Ranch Inc, Broadus Mt.	1	Black-Cow	1975	161.00	\$3,179.75
Ti Burch Ranch Llc, Colony WY	1	Black-Cow	1540	161.00	\$2,479.40
	5	Black-Cow	1360	155.00	\$2,108.00
Beer Mug Ranch, Ludlow SD	1	Black-Cow	1490	161.50	\$2,406.35
	1	Black-Cow	1535	161.50	\$2,479.02
Jason Kuhbacher, Broadus Mt	3	Black-Cow	1415	159.00	\$2,249.85
	4	Black-Cow	1126	173.00	\$1,948.41
Maupin Ranch Llc, Hulett WY	1	Black-Cow	1630	157.00	\$2,559.10
	1	Black-Cow	1565	160.00	\$2,504.00
T J Or Debra Steele, Newell SD	1	Red-Cow	1470	159.00	\$2,337.30
	1	Red-Cow	1380	145.00	\$2,001.00
Pat Burke, Newell SD	1	Black-Cow	1355	160.00	\$2,168.00
	3	Rwf/Bwf-Cow	1387	161.50	\$2,239.46
	1	Bwf-Cow	1365	162.50	\$2,218.12
Tate Dewey, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Cow	1700	161.50	\$2,745.50
Russell Hill, Gillette WY	1	Black-Cow	1540	161.00	\$2,479.40
	1	Black-Cow	1375	162.00	\$2,227.50
Neal Mccoy, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1435	160.00	\$2,296.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Lf,					
Belle Fourche S	3	Blk/Bwf-Cow	1523	162.50	\$2,475.41
	3	Black-Cow	1358	162.00	\$2,200.50
	1	Black-Cow	1755	150.00	\$2,632.50
Joey Kanode, Moorcroft WY	1	Black-Cow	1680	160.00	\$2,656.00
Douglas & Adelia Cuka, Vale SD	1	Char-Cow	1450	159.50	\$2,312.75
Steve Mills, Boyes Mt	4	Black-Cow	1491	163.00	\$2,430.73
	1	Bwf-Cow	1340	160.00	\$2,144.00
	1	Black-Cow	1340	158.00	\$2,117.20
Leroy Curren, Aladdin WY	6	Red-Cow	1374	159.50	\$2,191.79
William Davey, Rapid City SD	2	Black-Cow	1458	154.00	\$2,244.55
Marion Schultz, Batesland SD	1	Black-Cow	1595	163.00	\$2,599.85
Ross Cuny, Buffalo Gap SD	15	Black-Cow	1581	163.00	\$2,577.57
	9	Black-Cow	1426	161.00	\$2,295.14
Trevor Garman, Belle Fourche SD	34	Black-Cow	1383	160.00	\$2,213.17
	4	Black-Cow	1395	160.00	\$2,232.00
	11	Rd/Blk-Cow	1531	158.00	\$2,418.83
Scott Kittelmann, Ekalaka Mt	1	Black-Cow	1505	159.50	\$2,400.47
	1	Black-Cow	1470	158.00	\$2,322.60
	1	Black-Cow	1625	160.00	\$2,600.00
Kari Kittelmann	1	Black-Cow	1735	157.00	\$2,723.95
Janet K Evans, Weston WY	4	Black-Hfrt	1103	180.00	\$1,984.50
	3	Black-Cow	1795	156.50	\$2,809.17

Tyrel Larson, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Cow	1830	150.50	\$2,754.15
	1	Black-Cow	1465	160.00	\$2,344.00
Dick Jesse, Broadus Mt	4	Black-Cow	1411	160.00	\$2,258.00
	1	Bwf-Cow	1610	161.00	\$2,592.10

Lucas & Melinda Stolhammer,					
Newcastle WY	1	Bwf-Cow	1375	155.00	\$2,131.25
	1	Bwf-Cow	1705	152.50	\$2,600.12
Bob Wicka, Whitewood SD	1	Bwf-Cow	1550	157.50	\$2,441.25
Darla Dunning, Ashland MT	7	Black-Cow	1574	157.00	\$2,470.50
	5	Black-Cow	1506	150.00	\$2,259.00
	2	Black-Cow	1770	156.50	\$2,770.05
Jacoi Lee Tracy, Newcastle WY	13	Black-Cow	1443	154.50	\$2,229.55
	14	Black-Hfrt	1197	169.50	\$2,029.15
	7	Black-Cow	1364	151.50	\$2,065.81
Laoy Williams, Broadus Mt	14	Black-Cow	1439	152.50	\$2,193.82
	5	Black-Cow	1161	159.50	\$1,851.79
John Ismay, Sturgis SD	7	Red-Cow	1401	145.00	\$2,032.07
Alex Kling, Belle Fourche SD	1	Black-Cow	1485	152.50	\$2,264.62
Mary Giberson, Riverton WY	1	Black-Cow	1590	154.00	\$2,448.60
Kyle & Shelly West, Oshoto WY	3	Black-Cow	1090	166.00	\$1,809.40
Justin & Heidi Edwards, Wright WY	2	Black-Cow	1608	151.00	\$2,427.32
	9	Black-Cow	1539	149.00	\$2,293.77
Odis Or Edith Hewson, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1075	169.00	\$1,816.75

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Jae & Suzanne Notti, Otter Mt	11	Black-Cow	1125	166.00	\$1,868.25
	5	Black-Cow	1561	150.00	\$2,341.50
Waynesboro PA	8	Black-Bull	1817	161.50	\$2,934.25
	1	Black-Bull	1930	152.00	\$2,933.60
Double Heart, Manderson SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2055	165.00	\$3,390.75
Bill Shorb, Hermosa SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2000	175.00	\$3,500.00
Bill & Marcia Lambert, Osage WY	5	Red-Bull	1922	170.00	\$3,267.40
Darla Dunning, Ashland Mt	1	Black-Bull Lame	1885	153.00	\$2,884.05
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Cheryl Burghdoff, Camp Crook SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2205	177.00	\$3,902.85
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Steve Mills, Boyes Mt	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2365	173.50	\$4,103.27
Kenneth Talcott Inc, Broadus Mt	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	1970	175.00	\$3,447.50
Leroy & Kay Rene Jones, Rozet WY	1	Herf-Bull	2160	175.00	\$3,780.00
T C Ouffit Lp, Vale SD	1	Black-Bull	1950	157.00	\$3,061.50
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Upton WY	1	Black-Bull	1640	151.00	\$2,476.40
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Sushi Now Available in Belle Fourche

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Have you ever tried sushi or heard people talk about how tasty it is? If not, now is your chance to grab a bite—the time for sushi in Belle Fourche has finally come.

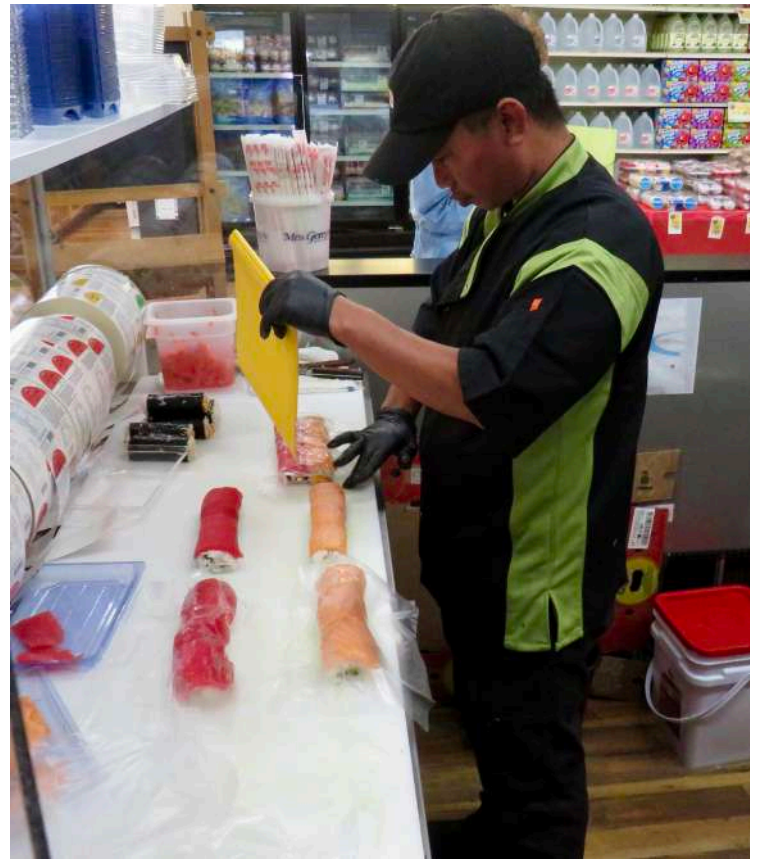
Lynn's DakotaMart has implemented a new sushi station inside the store. Jim Grapentine, the owner of Belle's DakotaMart, said that the sushi project has been in the works for over a year and with perfect timing, everything recently came together. The grocery store worked with a New York company, Family Fresh, to connect with its two skilled and trained sushi chefs, who are originally from Myanmar, Asia. The company also provides fresh fish. Chefs Vi and Bawi make the sushi fresh in-store every day; you can stop in and

watch them make it right in front of you. Chef Vi said that before moving to South Dakota, he lived in Canada and then spent five months in Custer before transferring to Belle Fourche. He and Chef Bawi have been in the area for two weeks.

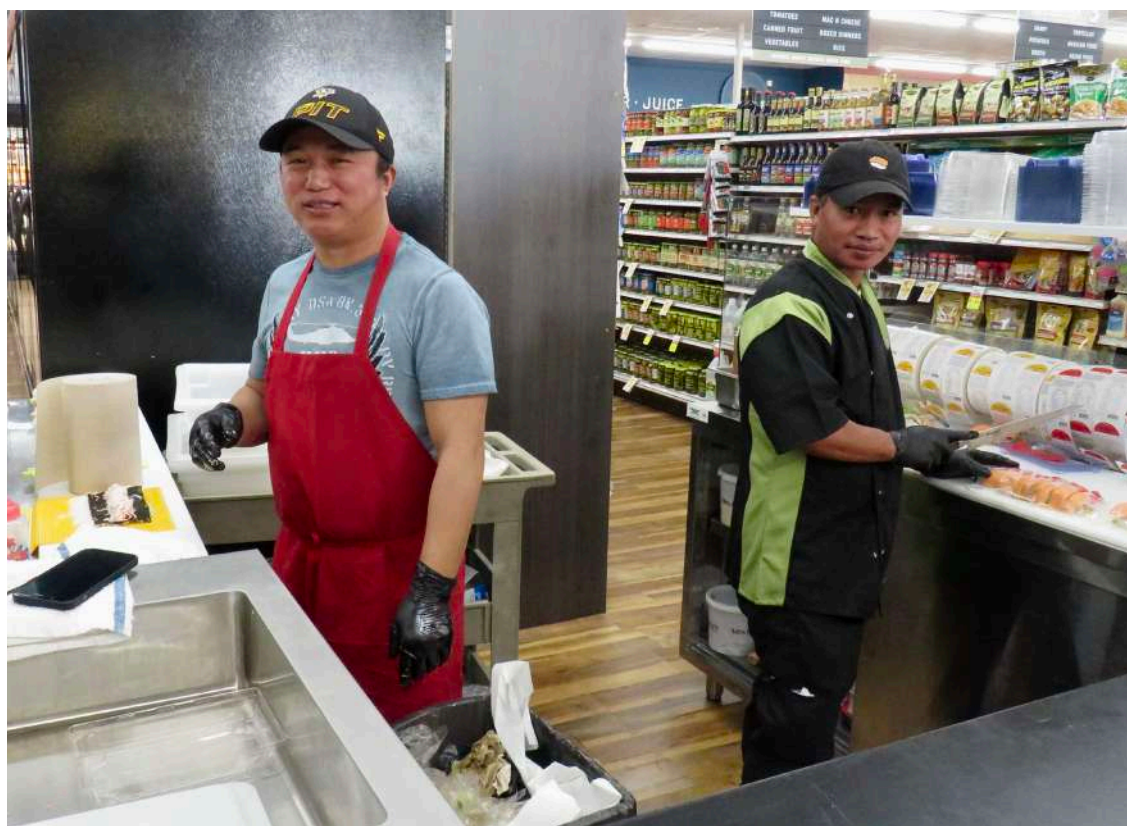
Todd Odson, who works at Lynn's DakotaMart, said that he bought four boxes of sushi for lunch when it was first added to the store's daily offerings, and he ate them all in one sitting. "It's the greatest sushi in the world," he declared. Grapentine also noted that the people of the community love it, and that he himself didn't even know that he would like sushi until he tried it; he now eats it almost every day. "It's been a very nice addition," he said. "We get lots

of positive comments."

Sushi is also available at the Lynn's locations in Custer, Lead, Summerset, and Sturgis. A variety of options are offered, ranging from shrimp tempura and Hawaiian rolls to Chef's Favorites. One interesting tip when shopping for the perfect lunch or dinner option is that boxes with red stickers include raw fish, while gold stickers indicate cooked fish. Sushi itself is a Japanese dish that is typically made of rice, seaweed, and fish. It's a staple in coastal American cities; being land-locked, South Dakota isn't the first place one thinks of in terms of availability of sushi. But thanks to Lynn's DakotaMart and the hard work behind the scenes, our community can finally indulge in this delicacy anytime!



Chef Bawi puts together a sushi dish. The assembly of sushi is an art in itself. Heitz photo



Chef Vi, left, and Chef Bawi, right, are the skilled chefs from Myanmar, Asia that work hard to provide fresh in-house sushi daily at Lynn's DakotaMart. Heitz photo

Mayor Schmidt declares Mental Health Awareness Week Declared

Ryder Heitz

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BELLE FOURCHE— The City Council held a meeting on Wednesday, June 17. Mayor Randy Schmidt presented a Mental Health Proclamation, citing statistics for mental illnesses and suicide in America. "Every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help." On behalf of Belle Fourche, the mayor proclaimed the week of June 17 as Mental Health Awareness week. The mayor also reported that there will be a State Bridge Naming Ceremony for the U.S. Army Sergeant Lelund M. Kahler on Wednesday, July 3 at 2 p.m. at the Rec Center in Belle Fourche. The US-85 bridge over the Belle Fourche River will be dedicated to Kahler.

During community input, Raymond Allen voiced con-

cerns about the drainage at the intersection of 5th Avenue and Ziebach Street, willow trees obstructing the view while exiting Willow Estates, and the need to fix light poles. Additionally, he brought attention to a line-of-sight issue at the intersection of 13th Avenue and National Street, a hole in the asphalt by a drain on Dacar Street, and stagnant water in the culverts.

Kenny McFarland also spoke, stating that he found Resolution 28-2024, "A Resolution Creating Public Complaint Policy," to be an insult to the citizens of Belle Fourche and to the board members. "We didn't elect you to be told that we can't talk to our own city councilmen or mayor," he said. Resolution 28-2024 states that if a complaint is made directly to the Common Council as a whole or to an individual Common Council member, the complainant will be advised to take their concern to the appropriate Department Contd. C2 City

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Head. There was confusion about the wording of the resolution. No action was taken by the Council regarding Resolution 28-2024 during Wednesday's meeting.

Hollie Stalder, Director of the Economic Development Department, highlighted key community developments including over \$1 million in funding for local businesses and new ventures in the past decade, and housing projects with state infrastructure funding underway.

Councilperson Tricia Fowler announced that the library will host Trent Preszler, author of Little and Often, will visit Belle Fourche Public Library on Saturday, June 29 at 11 a.m. His book is the 2024 #1 Book in South Dakota. Additionally, the library will host the Black Hills Roundup Visiting Rodeo Queens for readings and autograph sessions on Tuesday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The Museum & Visitor Center board reported that in May, there were 1,593 visitors. The First Saturday Brunch on May 4 drew 46 attendees, and Family Fun Day on May 19 attracted 40 visitors.

Recently, the museum hosted a kick-off event for SDPB Education's initiative to install three learning centers in Belle Fourche, and Alyce Knigge's Cele-

bration of Life in late May was attended by 37 people, raising \$1,800 for snacks and receiving a \$1,000 donation from the Belle Fourche School Foundation for program materials.

Rec Center Director Jody Westberg announced the arrival of new exercise equipment: a set machine, stair stepper, and bicycle, all ready for use. Summer Rec activities have been successful, with 52 children participating in Story Time Yoga last Thursday, and an average of about 20 children attending each event.

The pool is scheduled for a soft opening in early July, followed by a grand reopening later in the month.

There were public hearings for the transfer of two Alcoholic Beverage Licenses at the Mid-America travel center and a Use Permit Request for a day-care, applicant Teri Kraklow. All items were carried with no one in attendance for or against. Regular agenda items included the approval for City of Belle Fourche departments that can be closed July 5, the closure of Sixth Ave. from State St. south to the railroad tracks for the Fourth of July carnival, and the payment of several invoices. All regular agenda items carried unanimously. The next City Council meeting will be July 1, 2024.



Mayor **Randy Schmidt** presents a Mental Health Proclamation, declaring June 17, 2024 as **Mental Health Awareness Week** in Belle Fourche.. Heitz photo

In less than two weeks our annual Burger Bash will be happening at Rail Park. All are welcome to come and get a free meal served by the Belle Fourche FFA!



Do you or your furry friends need a cool drink of water on a hot day? If so, check out one of the two new water fountains installed by the **Public Works Department**. One is located near the round-up grounds and the other one is close to the dog park. Each one has two drinking fountains, a bottle fill station and a short fountain for pets. Princess the Chihuahua stopped by for a drink and loved it! *Longbrake photo*



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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden June 23, 2024



After the blessing of 1.6 inches of rain or so in the Union Center area on Thursday night to Friday morning, it was followed by two very warm and sunny days to finish out the weekend. A good number of folks took to the fishing holes and campgrounds. While we hope for some sort of moisture this week, the forecast looks to be a dry one. Hopefully all can get that first cutting of hay completed as between the threat of grasshoppers and the lack of moisture, it could be slim cuttin's for the rest of the summer. However, with a lot of prayers going up, Central Meade County usually fairs quite well considering extreme conditions we historically face.

Vacation Bible School is in full swing in Union Center this week. It is Monday through Thursday from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. Thinking back to the past, we typically held VBS from Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 2:00. It was always a long week, but we certainly felt renewed as teachers and helpers.

It was always a special time and many of the children who attended are either sending their kids, or their kids are too old to attend now. Ages 5 and up are welcome and snacks will be provided.

Thank you to all volunteers to help provide this special opportunity for children in the area. It will be held at the church in Union Center.

Larry Rhoden, serving as Ag Ambassador to South Dakota, left for a trade mission trip last weekend to both Japan and Taiwan. They were very successful in their last mission

to Mexico which was able to open some trading for South Dakota farm products.

Hopefully this will be another productive group of meetings as well. Their schedule is packed with meetings so it is quite an intense time overseas.

Jack Seller hosted a nice group of ladies for Ladies Prayer Breakfast on Saturday morning at the Community Baptist Church in Union Center. Francie Brink, Kathryn Spring, Donna Cammack, Deb Vig and others took advantage of the biscuits and gravy and more that Jack served.

On Saturday evening, Lorie and Gary Hausmann hosted Casey and Francie Brink, Deb Vig and Leo Schnell, Bill Meirose, and Sandy Rhoden for an evening meal. A tour of Lorie's yard and garden was enjoyable as was sitting outside on the deck indulging in a delicious meal and good conversation.

Congratulations are in order to Trenton Schuelke and Brooke Enright as they were married on Saturday. The service was held at the Prairie Bible Church near Union Center and the reception was held at the CMCCC in Union Center.

Trenton has been a teacher at the Rural Meade School in Union Center and Brooke serves as an aide there as well. The bride looked beautiful as well as the colors chosen for her bouquet. There was a good crew of family who helped get the reception ready for the big celebration. It was a special time for friends and family. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Schuelke!

As a reminder, this Sunday, June 30 will be the 50th anniversary celebration for Chuck and Ninu Spring at the Central Meade County Community Center from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Capitol News

By KAREN ODELL



June 17, 2024

The drought lives on, and so do the grasshoppers, at Capitol and on Tie Creek. We had hoped for a little rain, on Sunday morning, after the 100 degrees on Saturday, but even with no moisture, the cooling off was a great relief. Buffalo had gotten some hail, and we were wishing some of that hail had landed on our grasshoppers, but no luck.

Dick Albert was picked up for a fishing trip, on Tuesday, by a friend and his son. It was a good trip but the fishing was not very good. Erma had a physical therapy appointment on Wednesday. The Catholic Church was celebrating St. Anthony, this week, and on Thursday they had a special Feast Day celebration, that Erma attended. Then, on Friday, she had gone to the Senior Citizens' dinner, when Dick got back home. There had been a big group at the Senior Citizens', and the food was gone before Dick got home from the fishing trip. They both went to church on Sunday, and had lunch at Saloon Number Three, with Father Brian and the Erk family.

Grasshoppers are prevalent at Alvin and Marlee Cordell's, too. The Cordells are now just finishing up spring work. On Saturday, the went to the Owen reunion in Belle Fourche, and enjoyed a great day with Marlee's family. On Sunday morning, Marlee went to church in Camp Crook. Alvin decided his Father's Day gift would be to go fishing, so they spent a beautiful cool afternoon fishing.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson must be doing something right, because they don't have grasshoppers. It seems they are the only ones around that are not a part of the plague. Maybe it's the gumbo that has kept the grasshoppers away. On Monday, Lynn and Linda Matthews went to Bowman for hair appointments. Bruce and Lynn went to church at the Little Missouri Church in the morning. Then on Sunday afternoon, Lynn went to Camp Crook's Methodist Church to decorate for the youth tea party that the Diligent Doers will have on Monday. Lynn and Karen discussed past tea parties that included long white gloves, hats, and beautiful ruffles on long dresses, and 12 piece place settings at each spot at the table. Maybe they will build up the event to something like that in the future. Julia Davis went to work at Buffalo for three days. Doug and Morgan Buck went in to Camp Crook, on Monday, to help with the fairgrounds clean-up. On Wednes-

day night, Doug and Julia got to see Kellan Davis's boys' baseball game, in Belle Fourche against a Spearfish team. Julia had to take her car to town for a recall repair, so she picked up a few things in town, but hurried home, because she was not feeling well. She was finally feeling better by Sunday evening. Saturday was so hot that it was a good day to stay home anyway, but she would still have preferred skipping the illness.

Junior, Shirley, Ernie, Rachel and Tommy Melum had company from California, this week. Harold Morgan, David and Beth came to visit for a few days. Ernie, Rachel and Tommy went to Spearfish for the concert at the Western Heritage Center by some of the Potter family. Then Junior and Shirley's daughter, Bertha Molenda, two children and the daughter's fiance came for a couple of days visit. It was a good week for company. Ernie's family went to church in Baker, on Sunday morning. Then, after church, they all had a Fathers' Day picnic at the lake.

This week, Dorothy Padden's daughter, Lorraine Chin, came up from Texas for a visit. She picked Dorothy up on Wednesday, and they made a trip to Belle Fourche. On Friday, Dorothy went to Ekalaka for the Southeast Electric Coop meeting and barbecue. Dean Jardee provided some music for everyone. Dorothy went in to Camp Crook on Sunday afternoon to help decorate for the young ladies tea, the next day.

Karen Odell talked to her brothers in Ohio, and all her kids, this week. She got lots of mowing done, and might have mowed thousands of grasshoppers, but they all seemed to get away. She found a leak in water leading to her washer. Ernie and Tommy Melum came over to find a cracked line and fix it for her. Her washer is still not filling right, so she will have to continue her problem search. On Sunday, Karen went to church in Camp Crook, and played piano for the hymns. Then she went to church on YouTube at Marietta, Georgia. Her brother Ron Evans called to visit in the afternoon. Mollie and Kyia Smith had visited antique stores, and found a few treasures that Mollie could refinish. Jeff and Amanda Odell have a very nice garden growing in Iowa. Kellan Odell is on a mission trip with church members. Micki, Jesse, Rowan and Murphy Hinds have a new pup that is getting used to the ocean in Washington. Saturday was very hot and reached near 100 degrees, but things cooled down for Sunday, and the day was beautiful. The indecision of 'Riding the fence' is like standing in the middle of the road. You get knocked down from both directions.

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Marketing Your Community is a Must!

Marketing a small local community is essential for fostering economic growth, attracting new residents and businesses, and enhancing the overall quality of life. By leveraging facts, figures, and logical strategies, communities can promote themselves effectively and affordably.



by John Newby

the qualities you wish to promote to the outside world, you need to figure the most cost-effective marketing strategies to utilize. Here are just a few ways to leverage small budgets into large gains.

Every community can create and promote a website and utilize social media. Create a user-friendly community website showcasing key information about living, working, and visiting your community. Include testimonials from residents and businesses. Utilize platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to engage with current residents and attract potential newcomers. Share stories, photos, and events regularly. Create SEO and content marketing by writing blog posts about local events, history, and profiles of local businesses. Use search engine optimization (SEO) techniques to ensure your content is easily discoverable.

Never underestimate the power of the local media, be it print, radio or TV. Regularly send press releases to local newspapers, radio, and TV stations about community events, new businesses, and development projects. Distribute monthly or quarterly newsletters highlighting community achievements, upcoming events, and local stories.

Organize events like farmers' markets, festivals, and fairs that highlight local products and culture. These events can attract visitors and potential residents. Host informational sessions on topics like home buying, starting a business, or community planning to engage residents and showcase the community's resources. Collaborate with local businesses for cross-promotional opportunities. Feature businesses on the

community website and social media. Partner with tourism boards to promote your community as a destination for visitors and potential new residents. Personal stories and testimonials are powerful tools for marketing. Highlight success stories of individuals and businesses that have thrived in your community.

Always remember, marketing isn't a destination, it is a journey. Implementing a marketing strategy is not a one-time effort. Continuously monitor the effectiveness of your campaigns using tools like Google Analytics for website traffic, social media insights for engagement metrics, and surveys for resident feedback. Adjust your strategies based on what is working and what is not.

Highlighting the quality of life in your community can be a compelling message. Discuss aspects such as availability of hospitals, clinics, and specialized care. Promote the quality of schools, libraries, and educational programs. Never forget to market your Parks, sports facilities, and community centers. Don't overlook efficient public services, safety measures, and community support programs.

Marketing a small local community effectively requires a combination of leveraging unique strengths, using factual data, and employing cost-effective strategies. By focusing on digital presence, local media, community events, and ongoing monitoring, you can attract new residents and businesses, that fostering a vibrant and thriving community. This approach not only highlights the existing benefits but also sets the stage for new growth and development

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June 29: 10AM BUGS! - Tri State Museum, 11AM Author Event - BF Library, 9AM Red Onion Marketplace, Murder on the Orient Express

June 30: July 4: Black Hills Roundup activities

July 1: Cowboy Band in Bandshell @ Hermann Park

July 4: 6AM Rodeo Run - Hermann Park

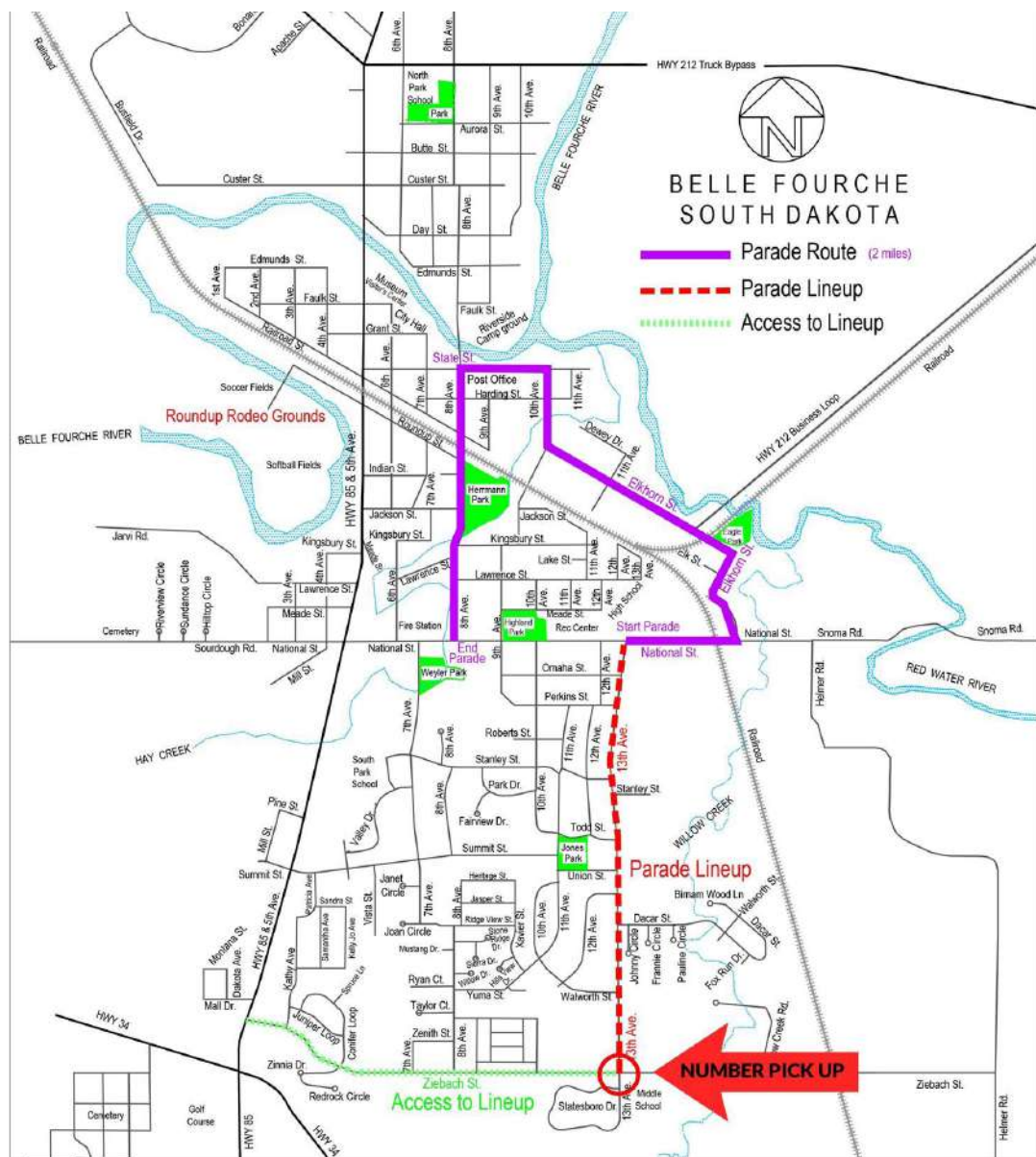
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Butte/Lawrence County Extension News: Heating Up with July Activities

Meg English news@bellefourchebeacon.com

July is a traditional time for county fairs in South Dakota. From July 29 through August 3 the tradition continues at the Butte/Lawrence County Fairgrounds in Nisland, SD. This year's fair theme is: "Sew it, Grow it, Show it!". There's still time to enter as entries close on July 19th.

Meanwhile, many other events, activities and extension related activities are happening in July, including a hunting skills challenge on July 5th and 6th hosted by Northern Hills Shooting Sports and a fishing workshop on July 24th and 26th. See flyers for more information, or contact the Butte/Lawrence Extension office <https://buttesd.org/extension>

July 2024

- July 1- Youth Livestock Literacy Completion Deadline
- July 1-Butte/Lawrence County Fair Board Meeting 6:30 Fair Grounds
- July 5- ETHICS Class 3-5 PM
- July 5th and 6th Hunting Skills Challenge
- July 8-10 State 4-H Horse Show-Huron
- July 9-Butte & Lawrence Leaders Meet at 6:00 followed by Redwater @7 Ext. Off
- July 12- Butte County 4-H Rodeo- Black Hills Roundup Grounds
- July 15 Last Day to Register new SS members for Summer Program
- July 15 SS End of Match 4
- July 16 Scores for SS Match 4 due to John by 9:30 am (CST)
- July 19- Butte Lawrence County Fair Entries close
- July 19- ETHICS Class 3-5 PM
- July 24 and July 26 Fishing Workshop

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For additional information contact **Brett Crowser (520) 444-7590** or the SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Minerals and Mining Program, **23 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501-3182, (605) 773-4201.**

South Dakota Democrats nominate Boys & Girls Club director for PUC

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A former state employee will be the Democratic candidate in the 2024 election for South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioner.

Forrest Wilson has been nominated to represent the South Dakota Democratic Party in November's general election, earning the support of party delegates during the Democratic state convention held Saturday in Oacoma.

"My goal is to be an advocate for every day ratepayer of South Dakota," the 31-year-old told The Dakota Scout after securing the nomination. "Cost of living has become a burden on so many working-class households, so we need to pull every lever we can to support the people of this great state."



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The campaign to do away with primary elections controlled by political parties has a few more allies after partisan voters cast ballots this month.

The campaign committee behind South Dakota Open Primaries (SDOP) is basking in the afterglow of the June 4 primary election that saw several high-profile upsets of longtime GOP lawmakers and establishment-backed Republican candidates. And though SDOP Chairman Joe Kirby would have preferred to see fewer victories for the faction of his political party that is considered less moderate, those results could bode well for his efforts come November.

"We have a lot of new friends all of a sudden," the Amendment H co-author told The Dakota Scout, citing an outpouring of calls, contacts, and inquiries — and even checks — received by SDOP since June 4 when just 17 percent of voters statewide turned out to vote, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

Kirby says that level of voter turnout is a product of South

Dakota's closed primary election system, and it highlighted SDOP's position that a majority of registered voters are unable to participate in a meaningful primary.

That's because Republican primaries are exclusively open to GOP voters while Democrats and independents don't typically have races of consequence to draw them to the polls for the state's biennial election. Democrats allow independents to vote in their primaries, but those primaries are few.

And as the Democratic Party continues to lose its foothold in South Dakota politics, Kirby said South Dakota's closed primary system has increasingly discouraged competition, encouraged hyper-partisanship and excludes more and more voters from having a meaningful role in state elections.

"The old election system doesn't work when you have a single-party state," said Kirby, who is proposing to voters during this year's general election that all candidates for a single office, regardless of party, run in one primary election open to all registered voters. Amendment H, if passed, would

send the top two vote-getters in an open primary to a runoff in the general election.

The proposal continues to face opposition from the South Dakota Republican Party, which wants to keep its party's role in selecting candidates in the hands of its GOP voters.

But the results of this month's primary, where carbon pipeline opponents and tax reform advocates ousted numerous incumbents, have some card-carrying Republicans now in support of overhauling the primary system. "After what happened ... I think that might have changed my mind," Huron Rep. Roger Chase said. "We had a small group that changed the Legislature based on emotion."

Those satisfied with the outcome of last week's election also acknowledge the implications the results could have on the Open Primaries vote and potentially the future of the state GOP.

Sioux Falls Rep. Chris Karr said he's concerned Amendment H's passage would "kill conservatism."

"Conservatives are coming out with this big win, and it could be the last time we have

Calendar of events.

- June 2024
- Wed, June 26, Canyon Acoustics in City Park, 6-8:30 p.m.
- Thurs, June 27, Chamber Mixer, Ruby's Garden, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- July 2024
- Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Canyon Acoustics in City Park 6-8:30 p.m.
- Thurs, July 4, Fourth of July
- Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31, Artist in Residence, 10 - 12 noon
- Thurs, July 18, Jr Ranger Program, ages 5-15, Hatchery Grounds, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Fri, Sat, Sun, July 19, 20, 21 Art in the Park
- August 2024
- Sat, Aug 17, Hot Rods for the Hatchery, 9 am - 12 noon

SCOUTING REPORT

singer, storyteller and "accidental rancher."

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Eliza Blue describes herself as a singer, storyteller and "accidental rancher." Originally from Minnesota, she ended up as a rancher in western South Dakota in search of a life of fulfillment and inspiration.

Now, the South Dakota Historical Society Press is set to publish her book, "Little Pasture on the Prairie: A Decade of Tales from a Western South Dakota Ranch." The Historical Society has set a June 25 publication date.

The book is based on material she wrote during 10 years as a newspaper columnist — she writes for 19 different publications.

"These stories of my adventures — and misadventures — and

the joy of waking up every day to the majesty of life on the northern plains, are my heart, my soul, the last of my youth, the beginning of my older age, and my offering at the altar of what it means to be human and to lead a life of service. I hope reading these columns brings you some measure of the peace and connection I received in writing them."

Besides writing, ranching and singing as a folk musician, Blue has produced seasonal audio postcards for South Dakota Public Broadcasting and Prairie Public Radio. She hosts a show celebrating rural art and culture on PBS called "Wish You Were Here with Eliza Blue."

"Little Pasture on the Prairie" can be preordered for \$19.95 plus shipping and tax from www.sdhspress.com/books.



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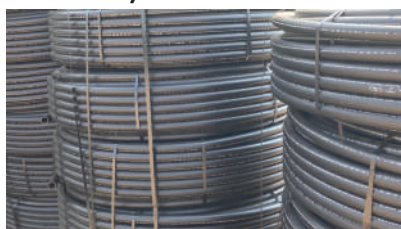
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this big of a win if Open Primaries is successful," he said.

GOP Chairman John Wiik declined to comment when asked if the June 4 primary results have exacerbated challenges the party

faces in its attempts to defeat Amendment H, as well as put added pressure on him to bridge intraparty divisions before November.

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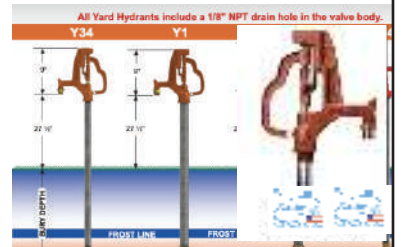


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Jim Thompson Inducted into ND Rodeo Hall of Fame

ND Rodeo Hall of Fame
Special to the Beacon
Jim was born September 19, 1947 in Bowman, North Dakota. To Paul and Stella (Burt) Thompson.
He grew up in Oregon from 1951-1960 as his dad ranched in Baker, La Grande, and North Powder. During that time Jim was active in 4-H showing the grand champion steer at the Union County Fair twice.
The Thompsons moved back to the Dakotas in 1962 where Jim started High School in Bowman, and then moved and graduated from Sturgis High School in South Dakota, in 1965.

Most recently Jim has been chosen 7 times as the announcer for the National Circuit Finals Steer Roping in Torrington, Wyoming, when the committee referred to him as "The Voice of the Steer Roping Finals".
Jim was involved in Dale Carnegie training as a student and instructor in both sales and management training. He owned and managed Creative Broadcast Services, Inc., in Spearfish, SD, from 1998 until his retirement in January of 2023. CBSi produced a daily talk radio show which aired in 5 states over nearly 20 years.
Jim still writes a newspaper column called "The Good Stuff" in weekly papers in Belle Fourche, Pierre and DeSmet, SD. His radio show of the same name, "The Good Stuff", aired on two dozen stations in a five state area for 15 years, and his rodeo program

"On the Road Again" was broadcast on a network of stations for 46 years.
Jim has been inducted into the Casey Tibbs SD Rodeo Hall of Fame, the SD Sports Hall of Fame and the Black Hills Stock Show Hall of Fame.

Jim attended, and graduated from, Brown Institute of Broadcasting in Minneapolis in 1966. He started his radio career at KVSH Valentine, Nebraska, then moved to KBHB in Sturgis.
Jim went into the US Army in 1968, serving at Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Denver as an MP. He then went to Korea where he served on Armed Forces Radio Network in Seoul until May 1970.
Jim has worked at radio stations in Sturgis, Pierre, and Watertown, SD and in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. He is a past chairman of the SD Broadcasters and Watertown Chamber of Commerce.

He was voted the Sportscaster of the year in SD 3 times 1975, 1978 and 1979.

Jim is a lifetime member of the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association, having announced rodeos from 1976-2023. He announced the first ever Circuit Finals rodeo in the PRCA in Deadwood. He has also announced the National High School Finals, the College National Finals, the Senior Pro finals, and the Indian National Finals. Jim was on the announcing team at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in 1986.

Jim was elected to two terms in the SD State Senate in the mid 1990s, representing District 5 in Watertown.

In 2017, the SD Broadcasters honored him with their Tom Brokaw Award for an excellent career.

His brothers Rick and Mark both reside in Dickinson, ND. His brother Steve died in Williston in 2015.

Jim and his wife, Sherry, live in Sturgis, SD. Between them they have 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.



(Lto R) Buck Taylor, Rick Thompson, Jim and Sherry Thompson, daughter Kim and her husband Darwin Hanzlik, Jim's niece Tara Brunelle, sister in law Judy Thompson, and Rick's wife Karen Thompson. Jim received the 2024 Rodeo Arena Award.

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The Belle Jackpot Association held its final performance for the year on June 19. After a rainy start to the series, the last day was warm and sunny. Wally Menke and his pony wait patiently for his event to start. He competes in the 0-6 year old division. Longbrake photos



Whitney Fayville guides her big paint horse around the second barrel at the Belle Jackpot Association's final performance on June 19. She competes in the 0-6 year old division. An awards banquet will be held later in the year with prizes given out for the top six places in all youth events.

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	9 Pork Roast Wild Rice Broccoli Cranberry Sauce	10 Chicken Parmesan Dressing Sweet Potato Roasted Carrots	11 Liver & Onions or Cheeseburger Roasted Reds Peas & Carrots	12 Broccoli & Cheese stuffed Chicken Wild Rice Garden Salad	13 Taco Casserole Refried Beans Tossed Salad	14 Spaghetti & Meatballs Garlic Bread Green Beans	15 Ham Salad Sandwich Steak Fries Veggie Medley
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Another Resignation from City Commission

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NEWELL-The Newell Commissioners accepted another resignation from a commissioner at a special meeting held June 17. Letters of Intent will be accepted at the city office until the next regular meeting. Two letters have already been received by Deb Kopetsky and Don Hunt. Each of them was present and gave short comments on their desires to serve. Kopetsky wants to have a strong community and see the town grow. Hunt desires to help the community and see changes.

Lorrie Olson was approved as Newell Librarian by the Library Board and finalized by the commissioners with one dissenting vote. She will work Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 to 5. Olson will have 60 days probation. As an employee of the Library, she is also subject to regulations set by the city ordinances, as is any city employee.

An incinerator for Midwestern Meats has been approved after being tabled from the June 10 meeting. Ryan Dennis explained the incinerator and assured the commissioners that it was relatively smokeless with no odor and ash waste would be minimal. It should not be a threat to the school next door nor pose any public health problems.

Fees for the use of city hall by the Festival of Trees was waived since the proceeds benefit the fire departments of Newell, Vale, and Nisland as well as the ambulance service and food pantry.

Cody Burke addressed the commissioners concerning the electricity at the Ram Sale building. The building is leased by the Ram Sale Committee who is responsible for electricity all year. Burke pointed out that there are times during the year that power is billed during Labor Day and shouldn't be entirely paid by the Ram Sale Committee. He presented a list showing the normal charges during the year, averaging \$26.38 per month. He suggested that amount be used, making the annual bill for the committee \$498.09 instead of \$788.27. The commissioners approved the final bill as presented.

A building permit was approved for Carl Avery after he had changed his plans to move the structure back from the alley at 302 Knox Rd.

Another building permit was approved for David Swenby

Booster Club Ready to Go



Officers of the newly formed Newell Irrigator Booster Club are ready to begin cheering on students, parents, and others to join in promoting the Newell Irrigators. They are from the left: Member at Large Juanita Pittman, Secretary Jackie Clements, Vice Chair Liz Oliver, Treasurer Katie Donahey, and Chair Keegan Ahart. Photo by Betty Bruner

Our Goal is Awareness

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NEWELL-Awareness is the key word for the Newell Irrigator Booster Club. The goal is to bring the school and students to the forefront of activities in this area and the committed adults of the Booster Club are endeavoring to make it happen.

During the second meeting of the group, officers were elected and committees

set up to accomplish the goal. Keegan Ahart was elected as Chair, Liz Oliver as Vice Chair, Jackie Clements is Secretary, Katie Donahey as Treasurer, and Juanita Pittman was chosen as a Member at Large.

The officers will oversee the workings of the group and approve the implementation of decisions.

Several committees were formed to move the organization forward. Members of the committees

will need to be approved by the Booster Club officers. The Appropriations Committee will be chaired by Teresa Pittman. Nicole Jones is the Membership Chair, Julie VanDerBoom will chair the Merchandise Committee, and Betty Bruner will chair the Media/Publicity Committee.

Committees will work in tandem to expand the knowledge and energy of the Newell Irrigators. Eventually, the Newell Irrigator Booster

Club will be able to supply needs to the various entities of the school. Not only will the focus be on athletics, but on Drama, Music, and various events that happen at the school. Monies will be collected through some fundraisers but primarily through the LiveTicket advertising sales. LiveTicket will broadcast events from the school, including games, concerts, and graduation among showcases.

to build a gazebo at 409 E. 1st Street.

During Public Comment compliments were given to the new commission and Mayor.

Also, a citizen brought up the importance of posting "Tobacco Free Zone" signs in areas that are owned/managed by the city. The public is reminded

that Story Time at the Newell Library is every Wednesday from 11 to 11:30 for ages 0-5 years. The summer reading program for school age children

takes place on Fridays.

The next regular meeting of the Newell Commissioners is July 8 at 5 p.m.

Celebrating Cousins

NEWELL-Every three to five years, the family of Carl and Olive Anderson make a

special trip to Newell. The cousins enjoy gathering and celebrating their Newell

heritage. Among the cousins are many great and great-great grandchildren of Otto Donatus

Anderson, the US founder of the Anderson family.

Otto Donatus Anderson arrived in America in 1883 from Sweden. He married Emilie in 1888 and to that marriage Carl Donatus Anderson was born in 1893.

Carl married Olive Clare Mitchell in 1921. Together they had seven children, Mary, Katherine, Dale, Esther, Kenneth, twins Judy and Jane.

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Grand River Roundup



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The weather was a little cool this week, although it warmed up to 97 degrees on Sunday. With the rain we got over several days this week it added up to over an inch of much needed moisture and on Saturday when we got our heaviest rain, Bill Holt got two inches that day!

Vacation Bible School started on Monday at Slim Buttes Lutheran Church with 57 kids in attendance. Lanie brought her kids down from North Dakota and Missy hauled three of Taz and Amanda's kids and three of Matt and Lanie Klug's kids to VBS to help out down there. Lanie and little Olly spent the night with Grandma Missy and Grandpa Casey.

Doug and Clint Doll had the Hackamore branding on Tuesday and LOTS of people showed up to help brand and to start the beginning of the social season in Harding County. Will

Meyer won the fashion contest wearing a nice western tie and a lively shirt he got from his father, Dean Meyer. Everyone from here on the ranch went to the branding, except for Reub who stayed home to work on putting the trim back on the walls over the flooring that Hugh Meier laid for us last week.

Doris Richter, 89, Sturgis, passed away June 11, at Monument Health Sturgis with family at her side. Doris was the daughter of Edgar and Rhonda Gardner and she grew up in Harding County, graduating from Harding County High School in May 1953. Her funeral was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Whitewood on Tuesday with burial at the Cave Hills Cemetery in Harding County.

Peggy Clark, 88, of rural Keldron, passed away at 5 Counties Nursing Home in Lemmon on Monday, June 3. The memorial service for Peggy Clark will be held at 2:00pm,

MT on Monday, July 15, at the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Lemmon with Stuart Schmidt officiating. Per Peggy's wishes, her ashes will be scattered on the family ranch along the Grand River.

These families have our sympathy.

It was 33 degrees Wednesday morning and Missy took all the kids back to VBS. Lanie and little Olly had gone back home to South Heart to get some work done up there. Reub and I went to Dickinson that day to get some more stuff to finish working on the living room and kitchen. We stopped to get the mail on the way into the place but there wasn't any because of that new holiday, Juneteenth National Independence Day. I planted two more large tomato plants after we got home, but with all the sixteen other tomato plants that died that I planted earlier I don't have much hope for these surviving. I don't know if there was something wrong with the top soil we added to the gardens, but something isn't working for me because a lot of the seeds I planted didn't even come up and I've never had this much bad luck!

It was pretty chilly here on Thursday, which was the first day of summer, and I put on a jacket every time I went outside. The really happy thing that

happened that day was the birth of another baby daughter to Rosie and Ty Hotchkiss. Little Suzanna June Douglas Hotchkiss weighed 9lbs and is 19 inches long. She joins an older sister Ziva. Congratulations to the Hotchkiss family!

Friday was the last day of VBS and Lanie and Matt came down from North Dakota to attend the VBS program that afternoon. I also attended the program and it was really fun with all those kids singing and acting out the songs. It was a great time learning about Jesus. The seven C's was the theme of the week: 1. Creation (God's six days of creation) 2. Corruption (Sin of Adam and Eve) 3. Catastrophe (the flood) 4. Confusion (tower of Babel) 5. Christ (the Savior) 6. Cross (Jesus paid the price for sin) 7. Consummation (God wins). Immanuel Wiechmann was one of the kids who attended VBS and he left a beautiful little church he made out of rocks for us to set on the piano! I visited with Janet Doll at the program and she told me her husband Doug and Bill Holt had gone to a fly-in out in Montana that day. I'll bet that was fun!

I helped Reub a little on Saturday while he was putting trim up against the walls over the ends of the new flooring and moving the furniture back where it was before Hugh Meier laid the flooring. Casey and Missy went to Tim Brown's

birthday party in Buffalo that afternoon and Sterling Lee and Taz left for rodeos in Kadoka and Dupree over the weekend.

Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen went to see Henry's brother on Sunday and Iver Heier and Casey were in charge of the church service that morning. There was a baby shower for Maudie and Levi Krautschun's baby boy Stanley after church and the little man got a lot of nice things.

The community Hymn Sing will be next Sunday, June 30th at 7:00pm at the Bison Presbyterian Church, which is always a fun evening. The Slim Buttes Lutheran choir will practice some songs next Sunday when Pastor Henry and Linda Mohagen come back home.

After Vacation Bible School, I'll leave you with this that Marc Hotchkiss sent me:

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

June 18, 1914

George McDonough and Edward Bushnell have opened a plumbing, heating and tin shop in the Henry Peetz building adjoining his jewelry store. Both men are experts in their line and Newell is fortunate that they have decided to engage in business here.

Silas Dumire is treating a horse that was bitten on the nose by a rattler last week. The animal was in great distress but is recovering.

The shingles on the Joe Richards and August Fredlund, homes were badly beaten by the hailstorm of last week.

June 22, 1924

Vale Hall was crowded Sunday afternoon for the Annual Memorial Services of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's, Alfalfa Lodge No. 145 and Lucerne Lodge No. 197. Rev. C. S. Erskine of Sturgis delivered the inspiring address. Afterwards everybody marched to the graveyard where the graves of 26 former lodge members were decorated with lilacs and carnations.

The Moreau River crossing is now passable for teams and cars, a crew having started on the work yesterday. While it will take several weeks to complete the job, yet teams and cars will have no difficulty to cross aside of having it a trifle rough. This, however, is better than making about 15 miles additional travel which the public

groceries and apparel valued at about \$130 was also carried out of the store. Mr. Settle was covered by a shotgun in the hands of a member of the gang. Mrs. Gladys Bay, a shopper, was also compelled to join Mr. Settle in the center of the store. The robbery occurred just after dark and to make a safe get away, the men took the distributor off Mr. Settle's car.

A large number of farmers were in Newell Thursday afternoon of last week to hear first-hand information about the new government buyout program. The meeting was held in the A. E. Richards building next to the hotel, with Mr. McRann of Nisland explaining the program. The first shipment of cattle under the government relief program left Butte County from Newell by rail Wednesday morning and enough cattle were purchased by the government to make 5 carloads. Another shipment will be about 15 carloads out of Belle Fourche on Friday.

Clem White met with a serious accident last Friday while carrying a pail of hot tar, he slipped and fell, the tar spilling over his right hand, causing severe burns. At the time of this writing, he appears to be making a good recovery.

June 15, 1944

Deputy Sheriff Sam Michelson was called Tuesday evening to arrest a man seen sneaking around back yards of the residences in the south part

by Linda Velder

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hafner and baby daughter, Donna, arrived here Sunday night from Leadville, Colorado and are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Hafner. Don is on a 60-day leave of absence from his job to help out during the rush season at the Wool Warehouse here.

June 17, 1954

Direct operation of the Newell Liquor Store will become a responsibility of the Newell City Commission according to action taken by the stockholders of the Newell Liquor Corporation at a special meeting Monday evening. The Corporation was formed in 1935 to finance the City's operation of a liquor store as permitted by State Law. The Stockholders and Directors of the Corporation; O. Christopherson, G. Martin Berg, Maurice Townsend and Robert A. Price voted to assign their stock to members of the City Commission. With the City now having a 5-member Commission, it appeared to be a consensus of the majority of citizens ought now to be responsible for operation of the liquor store. Felix Busse has served as manager of the store and continues in that capacity.

Dean Oliver, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Oliver, of Newell & Vale Communities, announced this week that he is going into the ditching and excavating business. He has purchased a new truck-mounted ditcher, delivery of which will be made today and will handle all kinds of basement, trenching or other excavating work. Young Oliver was formerly engaged in such work with an uncle in Sturgis and has also been farming with his father near Vale.

Ray Rivinoja, who has operated a shoe repair shop in Vale, announced this week that he is moving his equipment to Newell and expects to have a repair shop in operation Saturday. Mr. Rivinoja purchased the former Cola Clark building north of the Lyons Dray & Transfer Warehouse. He has rented the upstairs apartment in the Brodsky Building over the Gamble Store which the family moves into next week.

June 11, 1964

Daniel and William Schnackenberg of Newell are staying at the Thornton Vallery, rural Nisland home. Mrs. Schnackenberg and David are in Huron to be near Rev. Schnackenberg who is ill in the hospital there.

Walden Lemm, the government hunter and an assistant of Spearfish were hunting fox by plane in the Castle Rock

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vicinity Thursday and were successful in getting 2 female fox and a den of pups off Square Top Butte. The fox have been exceptionally plentiful this year.

The first free public band concert of the current summer will be played at the Newell Lighted Field next Wednesday evening, June 17 beginning at 8:00 PM, it is announced by Harold Mollet, Director. Since such concerts and summer music training for all persons interested are provided under a city-sponsored program, it is hoped that a large crowd will attend same. The members also enjoy presenting such concerts, especially so when playing for large audiences. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be played inside Austin Auditorium.

next year. Among those who responded to the call were: H. Jaskela with 4 horses; R. C. Keene and 4 horse; T. G. Wall and 4 horses; A. F. Kennelly a man and team; Bratton's Merc Co. a Man and truck; John Salmen, J. N. Rarick; E. R. Hill, Beyer Aune and O. R. Mathews as laborers. Mrs. J. W. Scott served dinner for the workers.

A score or more of people killed many times that number injured and property losses running into millions of dollars is the toll of a wind and hailstorm which swept through South Dakota last Saturday afternoon. The weather station recorded the wind velocity at 80 miles per hour, the highest previous recorded at the station being 76 miles per hour in July 1917. The storm moved in a south-



Fishing at Orman Dam. Fising and camping at Orman Dam in the early years was very primitive. Newell Museum

June 25, 1914

Peter Stolnack will sell at public auction at his place 4 1/2 miles north of Newell on Dry Creek, beginning at 10 o'clock Tuesday 30th the following livestock: 8 milk cows, 20 head of calves; 3 sows and 7 pigs. Six months' time given in bankable papers at 6%.

A large crowd attended the dance Saturday night at Arpan. Mr. & Mrs. Ole Tysdale and Mr. & Mrs. Louis Maass from the Horse Creek community attended the dance and reported everybody had a good time.

Another car of barb wire and feed fencing has arrived at the Newell Hardware. Also, Deering and McCormick sickle grinders at wholesale prices.

June 19, 1924

A volunteer crew of citizens got together Tuesday and did some needed work on the Newell School grounds, plowing and leveling the ground in preparation for planting

east direction and apparent that the storm was one of the most disastrous in the history of the State.

School elections in Vale District resulted in the election of Harry Adams and W. H. Gladden as members of the Board of Education for 3-year terms and Paul Ashley for 1-year. There being no contest at the Newell School election Tuesday, little interest was manifested, and a small vote polled. J. W. Scott and J.H. Lewis were elected to serve on the board for the next 3 years.

June 21, 1934

Ole Tysdale and son Whitford; Paul Schmele; Oscar Johnson, Eric Balo and Alfred Holsten were at the Wm. Schmele home Thursday evening listening to the prize fight,

The school census taken May 1st shows a total of 415 pupils in the district of school age. According to a report made by Superintendent G. W. Austin.



Antique Car Club. Tom Lyons on the wheel. Newell Museum

has been forced to do for the past few weeks.

Jack Barrett has put in the very latest barber shop appliances, one of those violet-ray things that removes facial blemishes, brings out the bloom of youth, starts a hirsute growth on the hard-pan spots and cleans up a guilty conscience. A few minutes application of the little violet rake on your bean makes you feel like a millionaire. A must try.

June 14, 1934

Carl E. Settle, Sulphur merchant, was visited up and robbed last Saturday evening by 3 tough looking men, reported to have been traveling in a 1934 Ford. About \$70 was taken and

of town. He was finally located in Einard Muotka's garage and turned out to be Harold Townsend, a former well-known character here. He had gone totally berserk, declaring a mob was trailing him. He was agreed by those who talked with him, that he was either full of dope or in the those of an attack of delirium tremens. Deputy Michelson locked him in the city jail for the night and later sheriff Elmer Hill took the prisoner to the County Jail.

T-5 Paul H. Dell arrived at Nisland, Wednesday night on a furlough for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Amelia Dell and family. Paul received the Purple Heart for wounds received in the North African Campaign and has also served in Italy.

Newell Service Center

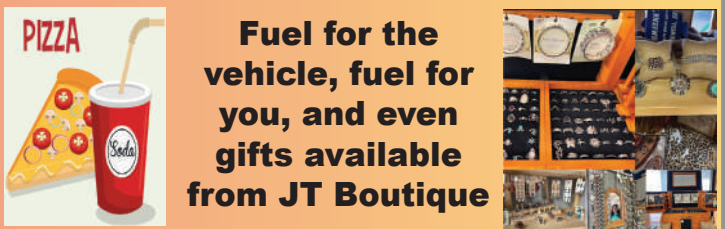
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This total is the same as that of last year. The report shows that 15 reached the age of 21 years and 47 moved out of the district, but 21 attained school age this year and 41 new pupils moved into the district.

The Newell Extension Club will meet with Mrs. Andrew Sieverts on Friday, June 22nd. All members are urged to attend and bring your reports; so, the secretary can send in her report for the year. All other business will also be finished for the year.

June 22, 1944

Mr. & Mr. J. C. Brodsky received a telegram Tuesday from the US War Department reporting through the International Red Cross that their son Capt. Edward J. Brodsky is a Prisoner of War of the German Government. Since he was feared dead, the welcome news was received with rejoicing by all friends of the family everywhere as well by their neighbors and citizens generally of this community. Anxiety of the boy's fate has since been intense and now the fond hope that he might have parachuted and safely behind the enemy lines has been fulfilled.

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Ellis of Govert were overnight guests Wednesday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Virgil VanderBoom. The Ellis family and Van derBooms enjoyed some fishing at Orman Dam.

Mrs. Jas Gadsden left Wednesday with a group of 4-H girls to attend the 4-H Camp being held near nemo this week. In the group were:

Roberta Post; Eleanor Eickelman; Jeanne Lund; Esther Anderson; Verna Alice Lyons, Barbara Lakson; Nettie Orwick and Barbara Kinghorn. They expect to be home on Saturday. Mr. Gadsden will bring them from camp.

June 24, 1954

The number of rabies cases reported among wild and domestic animals in South Dakota stands at 37 this year, which is far below the 63 cases reported during a similar period last year. By June 1, 17 skunks; 7 cattle; 6 cats; 5 dogs; 1 pig and 1 mink were reported as rabid to the State Livestock Sanitary Board of Pierre. Last year by June 1; rabies reported: 16 skunks; 14 cattle; 13 cats; 11 dogs; 3 mice; 3 rabbits; 2 squirrels and 1 muskrat.

Mrs. Everett Barber took Everett, Jr.; Allen Klein; Chester & Ray Garness and George Breidenbach to the 4-H Judging School at the Walter Taylor ranch near Rapid City Saturday. Patty Jacobsen was an overnight guest Friday at the Virgil Van derBoom home. On Saturday Romme & Craig Van derBoom, Danny Fredlund and Patty also attended the Livestock Judging school at the Taylor ranch.

Governor Sigurd Anderson has endorsed a Resolution passed by the SD Federation of Women's Clubs recently protesting against littering of highway rights-of-way by travelers who throw liquor bottles, beer cans and other articles from their cars. Not only do these items constitute something unsightly for the driving public



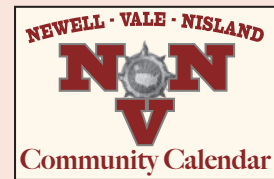
T-S Paul H. Dell, 1944. Arrived on Wednesday on furlough to visit his mother and was killed on Saturday by a person driving while extremely drunk. Newell Museum

Story Time
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 11-11:30 am Newell Library

Center, 12:30 P.M.

Every Monday, Bingo, NVN Center, 6-8 p.m.

NVN Food Bank Distribution-Feeding South Dakota-Every 1st Tuesday of each month in front of the NVN Senior Center and on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Dakota Life Christian



Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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This was another hot week with a nasty wind on Friday, but we got a nice rain on Monday, another sprinkle Friday night, and another sprinkle on that added up to almost an inch of much needed moisture. The grandkids started swimming lessons in Buffalo on Monday and this was perfect weather for swimming.

Hugh Meier and his wife Joyce came down from Morristown to measure our living room and kitchen so Huge could lay the laminate flooring on it this week and Hugh said he would come back on Wednesday to start the job. They live on a place outside of Morristown in the summer and in Arizona in the winter.

Missy and I went to Ladies Aid at the church Tuesday afternoon. Lori Besler led the meeting and fed us a delicious lunch after the meeting. Casey and Taz moved a lot of heavy stuff around so Hugh Meier would have room to start laying the flooring and Amanda took the little people to Buffalo for swimming lessons again.

Early Wednesday morning, Hugh Meier came to start laying the flooring in our house and he got about a third of it put down. The guys were done Aling and they moved the cows to another pasture. Casey and Missy went down to Laura Johnson's birthday party late that afternoon.

Thursday was the last day for swimming class in Buffalo. Taz had the twins and he left them with Grandma Missy while he went to town to pick up the big kids. Amanda had left for a ZIYA conference in the Black Hills that afternoon.

Friday, June 14, was Flag Day so I hung up a new flag that day but it was so windy I hoped that it didn't blow away.

The wind was blowing so hard that it broke the door off the chicken coop up by the barn where I keep my chicks. The door poked a hole in my arm as the wind blew me off the steps, but I managed to get it shoved back in place good enough so my chicks couldn't get out. Thankfully, Casey went up there that evening and got the door fixed for me.

I went to Mel Eggebo's funeral in Hettinger Friday morning, but Reub stayed here to help Hugh work on laying the flooring. I wanted to go down to Bison for my old friend Leona Aaker's funeral that afternoon, but couldn't make it down there in time to attend her funeral. We are so sorry to lose them both.

Casey and his college wrestling buddies left for a golf tournament in Bozeman, Montana on Saturday. Seth Shorb and Taz took the oldest kids with them to go to a rodeo that day while Grandma Missy kept the twins because Amanda didn't get back from the ZIYA conference until late that afternoon. Hugh Meier came back that morning to finish laying the flooring, but he might have to come back again if we can get enough flooring to lay on the bathroom floor too. The flooring he put down in the living room looks wonderful. If you need someone to lay flooring for you, I recommend that you call Hugh on his cell phone at (308)631-3475 because he does great work.

We had a really fun day on Sunday. A large crowd of people helped June Hotchkiss celebrate her 90th birthday with dinner and a party for her at Slim Buttes Lutheran Church after the morning service. A lot of her friends and relatives came to wish this sweet lady happy birthday and her family fed us a delicious lunch.

Sunday was also Father's Day and Teri Dee called to wish Reub a happy day after we got home from church. We went down to the church again that evening for the traditional Father's Day evening with ice cream and the movie "Faith of

our Fathers" about the sons of two Vietnam veterans that died together in Vietnam. Vacation Bible School started on Monday through Friday and there will be a VBS program at 2:00 Friday afternoon. Next Sunday, June 23, will be the baby shower for Maudie Krautschun at the church following the worship service.

I'll leave you with these Father's Day quotes:

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." —Billy Graham.

"Any fool can have a child. That doesn't make you a father. It's the courage to raise a child that makes you a father." - Anonymous

"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong." - Charles Wadsworth.

"A father carries pictures where his money used to be." - Steve Martin.

"My daughter got me a "World's Best Dad" mug. So we know she's sarcastic." - Bob Odenkirk.

"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." — George Herbert.

"For every dream that has taken flight, there's a father who believed." — Jennifer Fujita.

"When you teach your son, you teach your son's son." — Anonymous

"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." — Anonymous.

"Father's Day is for every guy who holds nothing back, who gives his heart, soul, and energy to those he cares about and still finds a way to love them more every day." -Anonymous

"The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get." — Tim Russert

"A father's tears and fears are unseen, his love is unexpressed, but his care and protection remains as a pillar of strength throughout our lives."

Newell Playdays Coming Soon

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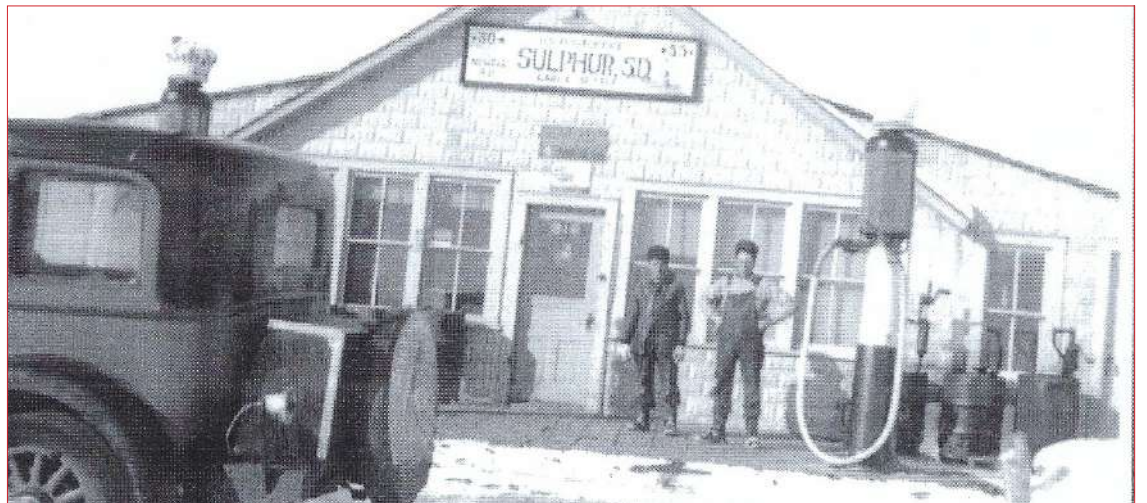
NEWELL—The yearly playday rodeos in Newell, put on by the Newell Community Club, are coming soon! This year, all rodeos will be held on Mondays in July with the first date being July 1 at 5:00 p.m. The Community Club has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure the arena ground is safe and ready to go. Morgan

Wulf of the Community Club said that the Prize Committee has also been working diligently to come up with new prizes. "We've been working with local businesses to find those one of a kind, new and different prizes," she said. "We are so excited for what we have coming this year!"

Events include barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, flag

racing, and breakaway roping. Stick horse events and dummy roping are also offered for youngsters. Registration is available online at www.newellcommunityclub.com/play-days.

The awards ceremony and potluck for the four playdays will be July 29 at the City Hall. Come out to the Newell rodeo grounds and support local youth as they compete!



Sulphur Store & Post Office., 1932. Owners Harold and Elmer Daane in front of store. Sold Store & P.O. to Carl Settle in 1933 or 1934. Newell Museum

to see, but at the same time it is costly for the State Highway Department to clean up such trash. Further costs are incurred when our mowing machines cut into the beer cans and bottles.

June 18, 1964

Sixty Army ROTC Cadets from South Dakota State will attend summer camp at Ft. Lewis, Washington, June 20-July 31. The Cadets are Junior and Senior advanced ROTC personnel. The Cadets include Gary Coe of Prairie City and

Morris Schallenberger, Newell. Both are NHS Graduates.

Approximately 60 persons, members of the Horseless Carriage Club of Sioux Falls and their families who are visiting at Spearfish this week, made a tour in their vehicles to Newell Tuesday afternoon and were served coffee, donuts and cookies at the City Park by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lyons and Mr. & Mrs. Don West. Lyons met the visitors in his 1917 Marmon and escorted the group of 22 antique vehicles to Newell. The oldest vehicle was a 1907 Brush

one-cylinder, the newest a 1931 8-passenger Buick.

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Eichler and children returned home Friday from a vacation trip. While away, Mr. & Mrs. Echler attended the State Fire School at Hot Springs and also visited with the Harold Falk family in Gillette, Wyoming. The younger children stayed at the home of Mr. & Mrs. tony Kulisich in Rapid City. Mr. Eichler is employed at the Newell office of the Black Hills Power & Light Co.

State Golf Results

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NEWELL—Three golfers represented Newell at the State Golf Meet in Brookings on Monday, June 3 and Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Freshman Bodie VanDerBoom, sophomore Braylee Freytag, and senior Megan Jackson competed in the Class B tournament. In Monday's first round, Megan Jackson scored a 92 and tied

for 19th place. Braylee Freytag scored 104 and ended T-65. Bodie VanDerBoom golfed a 96 and ended up T-110. For overall placings, Jackson ended T-42, with a score of 54 to par and 194 total. Freytag ended 79th place with a 77 score to par and 217 total; VanDerBoom ended T-114 with 49 to par and 193 total. Congratulations to Newell's golfers!

Wrestling Camp Set for Newell Irrigators

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NEWELL—An Irrigator Wrestling Camp for both youth and varsity athletes will be held at the Newell Middle School gym in July. The youth camp, which is for grades K-5 and is "designed to give the young wrestler the fundamentals that are critical for success, as well as teach them a system of wrestling," will be July 15-19 from 6-8 p.m. The varsity camp is intended for grades 6-12 and is "designed for serious wrestlers who desire a highly competitive and intense training experience," and will be held July 22-26 from 5-8 p.m. Girls are welcome to sign

up and parents can stay and observe if they wish. The camp directors are Dylan and Chase VanDerBoom, both of whom wrestled for Newell's varsity team for six years and qualified for State four years. Dylan went on to wrestle for Morning-side College before returning to Newell and coaching both AAU and Varsity wrestling. Chase currently attends Dickinson State University, where he wrestles and has been a youth wrestling coach and mentor for the last two years. Cost for the camp is \$100 per wrestler and \$50 for each additional wrestler in the home. Sign up by July 1 for a free camp T-shirt!



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Rodeo News

Keenan Hayes Keeps Rolling

Keenan Hayes kept his prep work ahead of Friday's bareback ride at the Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo in Vernal, Utah, very simple. Hayes pulled up videos of the last two cowboys to ride Powder River Rodeo bucking horse Misdemeanor, looking to see what insight he could glean. It didn't take long for the Hayden, Colo., native to figure out what he needed to do. "It kind of looked like she wanted to be good. The last two guys that had been on her kind of missed her neck and let her get long," Hayes said. "So, I just tried to mark her out and hit her hard and it ended up working out." For Hayes, the 90-point ride was good enough to win the rodeo and collect \$4,759 in earnings. It also continued a string of money-worthy rides that has the defending world champion right where he wants to be – atop the PRCA | RAM World Standings heading into the summer schedule. Since the calendar flipped from May to June, Hayes has been piling up positive out-

comes to keep his spot at the front of the bareback riding pack. To start the month, he won the Home of the Navajo PRCA Rodeo, sparking the run he's currently on. Hayes has competed in nine rodeos so far, picking up money at eight of them. In all, he's earned more than \$19,000 at the halfway point of June, making him the first bareback rider to clear \$100,000 this season and keeping Hayes about \$5,000 ahead of Cooper Cooke in the world standings. During the winter, Hayes built his ledger by securing a lot of money at some of the biggest indoor events, including Denver, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston. Aside from those more notable rodeos, he kept his schedule fairly light, opting for a few higher-paying rodeos in the winter before kicking things up in the spring. That's left Hayes in a good spot for the summer. His rodeo count is still fairly low, allowing him to ride just about wherever and whenever he wants the rest of the way. And for a guy trying to become the first back-to-back world bareback riding champion since Kaycee Feild in 2020

and 2021, staying consistent and riding on the regular is exactly the approach he wants to take. "I've just been going and getting on everything. I'm kind of just trying out everything and it's been working good in some places and some places not so much," Hayes said. "I've kind of been saving all my rodeo count through this whole winter, so I can kind of go out to all these little deals and try them out to see if they work out – and sometimes they do." Other winners at the \$173,948 Playoff Series Rodeo were all-around cowboy Paden Bray (\$2,498, tie-down roping and team roping); steer wrestler Talon Roseland (3.6 seconds); team ropers Kolton Schmidt/Landen Glenn and Nelson Wyatt/Jonathan Torres (4.5 seconds); saddle bronc riders Ryder Sanford (87 points on Powder River Rodeo's Toss Across) and Ryder Wright (87 points on Powder River Rodeo's Party Planner); tie-down roper Shane Hanchey (7.9 seconds); barrel racer Leslie Smalygo (17.05 seconds); and bull rider Trevor Reiste (87.5 points on Powder River Rodeo's Banger).

Current Data for Belle Fourche Reservoir

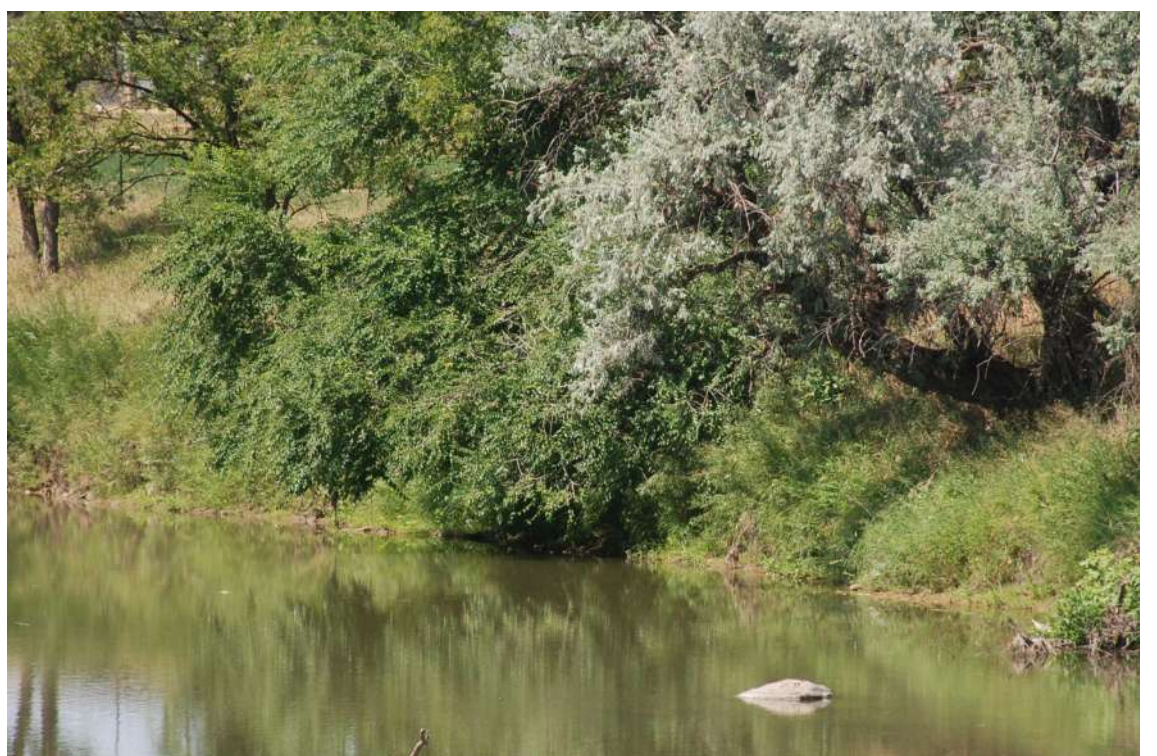
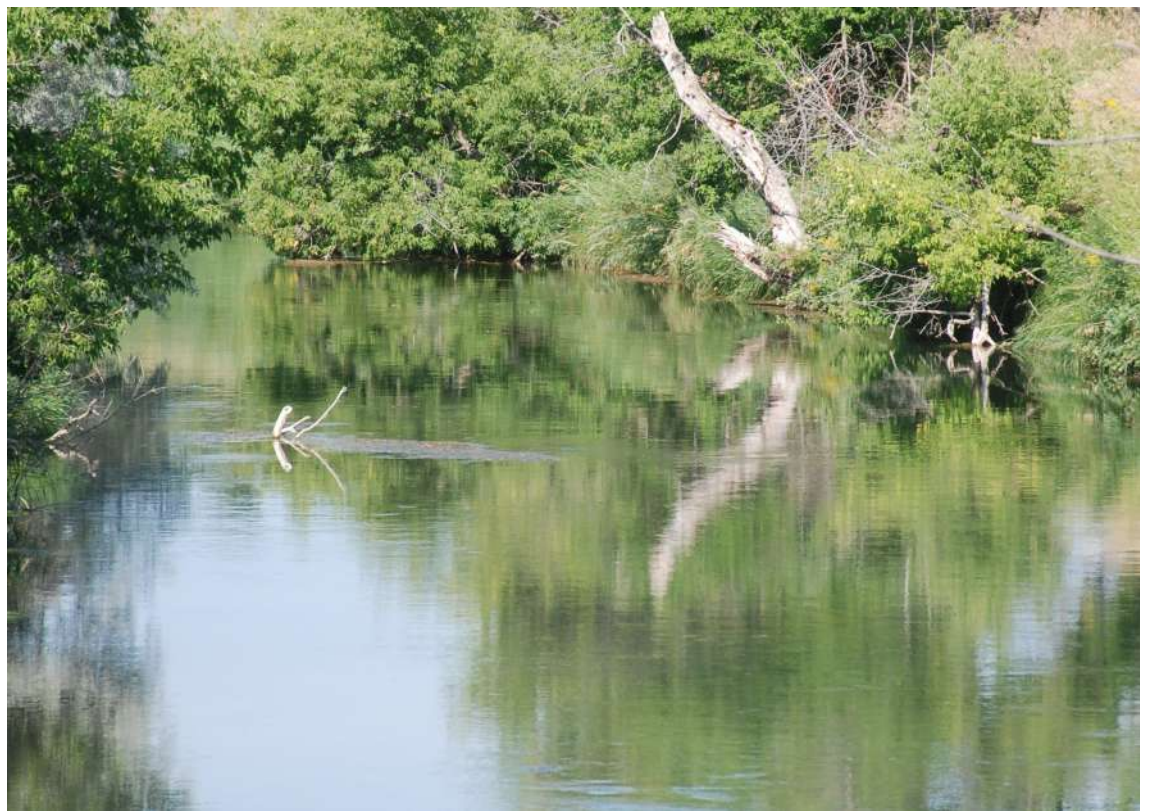
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Daily Reservoir Data as of 06/21/2024
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Reservoir Outflow is 440.0 CFS
Reservoir is 92.4 % Full*
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Belle Fourche River Flow at State Line is 40.9 CFS



As the area begins the farming season, irrigation has begun in full swing. Pivot can be seen watering fields as irrigation pipe is laid ready to water crops. Fortunately, BF Reservoir is at capacity, waiting to be used by farmers and for the public to enjoy. Most of first cutting hay has been baled and much of it has been loaded off the fields. Rain has been spotty the last two weeks with storms going through the area.

Scenes From Our Area



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