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## More Equipment Purchases for County

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BELLE FOURCHE-Butte County Commissioners voted to purchase several large pieces of equipment for the county highway department.

Beau Riopel from Butler Equipment met with commissioners along with County Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich to discuss the purchase of a lowboy, skid steer, and payoff of belly dump train and side dump trailer. Plus, the purchase of two Walk 'n Roll Compactors.

The funds for the lowboy and skid steer are State funded. It's a matter of using the funds or losing them. The lowboy

County Commish contd A3

## Belle Fourche Rec Center Holds Annual Walk



This group of smiling, enthusiastic, early risers posed for a group photo adjacent *Pioneer Bank & Trust* before embarking on the *3rd Annual Sunrise on State* event. *Courtesy Photo*

## Twelve Community Leaders to run across South Dakota to Benefit Helpline Center

*The statewide event raises awareness and funds for mental health and suicide challenges*

SIOUX FALLS, SD (8/26/2024) - The 12 runners completing this year's The 437 Project are preparing for their 437 mile relay-style journey across South Dakota for suicide prevention. Their run begins Thursday, September 19 at 7AM MT at the South Dakota/Wyoming border and concludes on Sunday, September 22. Presented by Avera, The 437 Project's mission is to raise awareness for mental health and funds for the Helpline Center.

These runners are (click here to learn more & see where they're from):

- Jonathan Buchanan | Primary Care Sports Medicine Physician, Avera Orthopedics
- Dawn Marie Johnson | Independent Consultant & Sioux Falls School District Board Member
- Susan Kornder | Executive Director, Northeastern Mental Health Center
- Lisa Larson | Office Manager, Dobesh Chiropractic
- John Meyer | Founder of Leadmore, Director of Leadership South Dakota
- Carmen Peterson | Director of Radiology and Clinical Informatics, Philip Health Services
- Jessica Rumpca | Family

Nurse Practitioner, Avera

- Dan Santella | Journalist, KELOLAND News
- Mark Scharnberg | Chief Financial Officer, Vance Thompson Vision
- Betsy Schuster | Chief Executive Officer, Active Generations
- Lexi Warejcka | Marketing Director, State of South Dakota
- Martin Wennblom | North Middle School Teacher, Rapid City Area Schools

"The 437 Project is a way to support several areas that are a great fit for Avera, physical activity and reducing the stigma around mental health issues," said Lindsey Meyers, Vice President for Public Relations at Avera. "We are passionate advocates for suicide prevention through our 'Ask the Question' campaign, and we are proud to work together to help save lives."

As the team takes turns running across the state, the public is encouraged to support the runners by donating at the437project.org, following along on Instagram and Facebook, and by attending The 437 Project's community events.

Throughout the four-day journey, there will be four community events where the public is invited to meet the runners, enjoy local food trucks and yard games, and learn more about the mission of The 437 Project:

- Rapid City: Wednesday, September 18 from 5:00PM-7:00PM MT at Hilton Garden Inn

437 Project contd.A6

## 3rd Annual Sunrise on State

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The Belle Fourche Rec Center hosted the 3rd Annual Sunrise on State walk/run on Saturday, August 24.

They had over 40 participants join in for an early morning (6:30 am) walk/run that started at Pioneer Bank on State St.

The group walked down State St., past the Gazebo and moved onto the River Walk path next to the campground.

Participants walked the path and enjoyed the morning views of the river.

Each "lap" along the path was approximately .66 miles.

Participants could choose to do as many "laps" as they desired and then finished back at Pioneer Bank to enjoy a donut sponsored by 8th Avenue Bakery and a discounted drink from Wild Magnolia.

The Rec Center is planning another fun walk/run in October.

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The Fearless 5k is scheduled for Friday, October 25.

This is an evening event and participants are encouraged to wear bright reflective clothing and bring a flashlight.

The Rec will also provide glow gear.

More info coming soon!

Watch the Beacon, Facebook or check out bellefourcherec.com for details!



Hikers enjoy the walk and the view from the River Walk pathway. *Courtesy Photo*

## "Out of the Darkness" Suicide Prevention Walk

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On Saturday morning September 14, people in Belle Fourche are likely to observe a large group of people, young and old assembled at Herrmann Park. Comfortably attired in T-shirts, shorts and walking shoes these volunteers will participate in a "fundraising walk to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide". That is the mission statement of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).

The AFSP is a nationwide organization that takes suicide prevention very seriously. AFSP believes that through research, education, and advocacy this leading cause of death can be alleviated.

The AFSP has chapters in every state. According to their website, "We bring together people from all backgrounds who want to prevent suicide in our communities. Families and friends who have lost someone to suicide,

vulnerable individuals, mental health professionals, clergy, educators, students, community/business leaders, and many others energize our chapters"

In 1987, a group of founding families joined with scientists

to create the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. (ASAP) Each of the families had lost at least one member to suicide. As a group they were concerned about an alarming

Walk - A3



## Belle Fourche Antiques, New Business Opened Its Doors

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BELLE FOURCHE—If you are looking for unique treasures and collectables, then you must stop by and check out this cute little antique store that just opened in town.

Located at 310 Roundup

Street, Belle Fourche Antiques opened their doors July 1, 2024. They are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Tuesday through Saturday.

Owners, Clay Yeoman relocated to the Black Hills area from Redfield, SD and Matt Brunner, from Saint Paul, MN, "I retired

Antique Store A7



*Belle Fourche Antiques* is open for business at 310 Roundup Street. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Longbrake photo*



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## Patricia Lou Habeck 86

Patricia Lou Habeck (Jensen) was born July 23, 1938 in Fargo, ND. She was the daughter of Carl and Helen (Johnson) Jensen. Patsy grew up on farms in northern MN, graduating from Ada High School in 1956. She had an early passion for piano and speech and debate. Following graduation from high school, she attended business school in Fargo. Patsy married Jerry Habeck on December 26, 1956. She joined Jerry in Oklahoma as he served in the army at Fort Sill. While raising their family of six children, Pat and Jerry owned three different farms near Twin Valley and Borup MN. Both Pat and Jerry loved life in the country and instilled their hard work ethic in the lives of their children. In 1980, following the lead of friends, they moved their entire operation to the beautiful Black Hills. They had a dairy business for a time, but then began raising Red Angus.



Church in Spearfish. She had a strong faith in Jesus and shared His love with family and friends. Pat was an energetic woman, with a big smile and kind words of encouragement to everyone she met.

Patricia died at age 86 on Monday, July 29th, at home on the ranch, surrounded by her loving family. Jerry, who preceded her in death, remained the love of her life all of her days.

Pat was a classically trained pianist who enjoyed accompanying vocalists, instrumentalists and praise and worship at her church. Even more than playing piano, she loved teaching hundreds of students at all levels of learning and did so for a period of 55 years. Pat was an active member of the Music Teacher's Association. She had an adventurous spirit which led her to ride horse with the "Country Ladies," learn to play golf, hike, horse-back ride and four wheel all over the Hills. She had an inquisitive mind so was always involved with a book club, Inquiry Club, and Bible study. Pat also loved to play a card game called "Hand, Knee & Foot" with her friends.

Pat is survived by her children; Tamera (David) Stombaugh of Tucson, AZ, Mike (Ja'net) Habeck, Jim (Melissa) Habeck, John (Dawn) Habeck, Mindy (Jason) Ward all of Belle Fourche, SD and Missy (Craig) Frick of Chaska, MN. She also has two living sisters, Joann (Bruce) Viker of Halstad, MN and Pam Dukleth of Fargo, ND. Pat has 18 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, sister, Marlene Warner and brother, Carl Van Jensen.

A memorial service will be held 10:30am Saturday, September 14th, 2024 at the New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Spearfish. A visitation will be held Friday, from 5pm to 7pm, at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Inurnment will take place in the Habeck Red Angus Ranch Cemetery.

Following the service, lunch will be served at the south shelter of the city park in Spearfish, located next to the fish hatchery.



Pat was a member of the New Covenant Presbyterian

## Dale Smith 66

Dale Smith, age 66 of Belle Fourche, went home to heaven at the age of 66 on Sunday, August 25, 2024.



A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Dale Smith was born December 2, 1957 in Ainsworth, Nebraska. He was the son of Gerald and Velda (Lewis) Smith. Dale was a cowboy all his life, and it started with his childhood, growing up on the Smith family ranch near Ainsworth. He graduated from the Ainsworth High School in 1976 and spent two years serving his country in the U.S. Marines Corp. Dale earned a degree in welding from the Grand Island Technical College, and during those younger years, he competed in many rodeos. Dale competed in almost all the events - roping and rough stock. On October 22, 1988, he was united in marriage to Joanne Williams in Rapid City. Following their marriage,

they lived in Black Hawk, Spencer NE, and in 2001 they moved to Gillette WY, before settling in Belle Fourche in 2005. Dale was a heavy equipment operator and helped with excavation for pipe line construction. He was also a "Jack of All Trades". There weren't many things he couldn't do, and he was highly skilled.

Dale wasn't a big talker when it came to people. He was a bit quiet and discerning. He had a tender heart, and he was strong. He was a cowboy at heart.

Dale is survived by his wife, Joanne of Belle Fourche; daughters, Lacey (Michael) Beatson of Belle Fourche, Roshon Foran of Billings MT; step-children, Amanda (Terry) Tarrant of White Owl SD, Tara Pietz of Sturgis, Shane (Desarae) Love of Sturgis; 20 grandchildren; and 2 brothers, Delbert (Wendy) Smith of Ainsworth NE, and Sidney (Tammi) Smith of Danebrog NE.



## Richard Carlson 78

Richard Carlson, age 78 of Nisland, died Friday, August 23, 2024, with his loving wife by his side, at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.



A Celebration of Life Service will take place 2pm Thursday, August 29, 2024 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. There will be no visitation. Friends may leave written condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Richard Alan Carlson was born February 5, 1946 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was the son of Kenneth and Margaret (Schaffer) Carlson. At a young age, Richard moved with his family to California, where Richard graduated from the La Crescenta Valley High School in 1964. In 1992, Richard met Cynthia Monahan and four months later they were married on July 15th. Richard and Cindi were married in Bullhead City, Arizona and God blessed them with 32 years of marriage. Together they lived in Lancaster CA, Cedar City UT, and Las Vegas NV. The days of living together in an RV were some of their favorite times. During

a snowstorm in December of 2013, Richard and Cindi moved to Nisland.

Richard was a strong person with a strong personality. He was a two-time cancer survivor. He enjoyed getting people riled up. It might be politics, or the subject of the day, and Richard found enjoyment getting reactions out of people. He was a Nascar fan back in the days when Nascar was fun. Tony Stewart was his favorite driver, and Richard was very fortunate to have attended a race that Tony won. Richard enjoyed hunting and fishing, riding motorcycle, and traveling. And he loved his wife very much.

Richard is survived by his wife, Cindi of Nisland; grandson, Isaiah; step-daughter, Blythe (Aaron Lear) Webster; the Sandi and Gordon Helms family; the Joni and Rene Gonzalez family; and his two dogs, Derringer and Remington. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Richard Jr.; and step-son, Bryce Webster.



## Grace Eva McKnight 98

Grace Eva McKnight passed away peacefully on July 19, 2024, in Cleburne, TX. She was born on February 9, 1926, in Ridge, MT, the daughter of Ernest and Reathel (Craft) Cadwell.



Grace's early years were spent in the rolling landscapes of Montana. She graduated from Miles City High School and later from Black Hills State College, setting the stage for a life-long commitment to teaching.

In 1946, Grace's heart found its match in Arthur McKnight, and together they embarked on a journey of love and partnership that would last for 67 years until Arthur's passing.

Grace dedicated over three decades to shaping young minds as a 3rd-grade teacher at Belle Fourche Elementary. She enjoyed playing the piano for her church.

After retirement, Grace continued to serve her community by offering her time in reading and tutoring children.

Grace was preceded in death by her beloved husband

Arthur McKnight, her son Russell McKnight, her parents Ernest and Reathel Cadwell, her sisters Ruth, Evelyn, Thelma, Carol, and her brothers Francis, Gilbert, and Phillip. The memories and love shared with them were a source of comfort and joy throughout her life.

She is survived by her daughter Marcia Solmes of Cleburne, TX; sons Wesley (Kathy) McKnight, Calgary, BC, Canada, and Wendell (Karla) McKnight of Williams Lake, BC, Canada; her ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, all of whom she adored. Each family member reflects a piece of Grace's spirit, from her kindness to her unwavering strength.

Grace's final resting place will be alongside her husband Arthur, at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, where they will be together once more. There will be no formal services. Arrangements by Girrback Funeral Home. To leave an online condolence visit www.girrbackfuneralhome.net.

Please join us for a

# Celebration of Life

Life for Grace McKnight  
on September 14, 2024; 1-5 p.m. at:

Calvary Church  
W420 US Hwy 14  
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## Howard Lee "Butch" Johnson

9/17/1942-8/29/2024

Born to Velma (Underwood) Johnson and Don Johnson. Butch is survived by his wife of 56 years-Roberta Lee (Cridland) Johnson and Son-Ricky Lee Johnson, Brother-Charlie (Cindy) Johnson and multiple Nieces and Nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers (Dean and Eddie) and sister (Debbie). He will be missed by all.



Butch was always a "Jokester", you never knew whether he was serious or pulling your leg. You really had to pay attention to hear the change in his

voice to find his intent. On many occasions, he had everyone "hook, line and sinker".

He was married July 19, 1968 to Roberta. He was a career Over-the-Road truck driver for 42 years, 25 years of those years with his "better-half, Roberta. That is a true partnership.

He loved driving, people watching, drinking coffee, he was a loyal husband, great father, doting Uncle, wonderful sibling. Strong until the end before he drove off into the sunset.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

(Zephaniah 3:17)

**Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 16**  
**“Suicide Prevention Routine Maintenance**

**Meg English**

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 Good mental health is important. Everyone knows that but everyone does not recognize the signs of mental health distress either in themselves or others.



**Meg English**

Mental health troubles are often hard to diagnose and tricky to treat. The effects of untreated mental health symptoms can be devastating.

Worldwide, the estimated number of suicides per year tops 700,000. That’s according to The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Every suicide (including attempted suicides) has avalanche effects.

Along with many other communities Belle Fourche events planned to raise money and public awareness about mental health during September.

On Saturday, September 14 the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) has organized a walk.

The annual Belle Fourche Out of the Darkness Community Walk, hosted by the South Dakota Chapter will be held at 8:00 AM with the program starting at 8:45 AM at Herrmann Park, Belle Fourche.

This walk supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s education and support programs and its goal to reduce the annual U.S. rate of suicide by 20 percent.

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On Thursday, September 17, the 437 Project a 437-mile relay run across South Dakota begins at the Wyoming State Line.

Twelve volunteer runners will start from the Wyoming Border at 7 AM on Thursday September 19 and will arrive in Sioux Falls on Sunday September 22.

In commemoration of National Suicide Month, I have chosen three poems from my memory.

Too many years of teaching high school literature has left me with poems for every occasion

I don’t really like any of them. After all they are about suicide. However, my favorite is the last poem, by Dorothy Parker.

First is a World War I poem by a British Soldier, Seigfried Sassoon.

**Suicide in the Trenches**  
 By Siegfried Sassoon

I knew a simple soldier boy  
 Who grinned at life in empty joy,  
 Slept soundly through the lonesome dark,  
 And whistled early with the lark.  
 In winter trenches, cowed and glum,  
 With crumps and lice and lack of rum,  
 He put a bullet through his brain.

No one spoke of him again.  
 You smug-faced crowds with kindling eye  
 Who cheer when soldier lads march by,  
 Sneak home and pray you’ll never know  
 The hell where youth and laughter go.

About the same time the topic of suicide was brought up by an American Poet Edward Arlington Robinson. It demonstrates the drastic difference between Cory’s outward appearance and the outcome.

**Richard Cory**  
 By Edward Arlington Robinson

Whenever Richard Cory went downtown,  
 We people on the pavement looked at him:  
 He was a gentleman from sole to crown,  
 Clean favored, and imperially slim.  
 And he was always quietly arrayed,

And he was always human when he talked;  
 But still he fluttered pulses when he said,  
 “Good-morning,” and he glittered when he walked.

And he was rich—yes, richer than a king—  
 And admirably schooled in every grace:  
 In fine, we thought that he was everything  
 To make us wish that we were in his place.

So on we worked, and waited for the light,  
 And went without the meat, and cursed the bread;  
 And Richard Cory, one calm summer night,  
 Went home and put a bullet through his head.

**Résumé**  
 By Dorothy Parker

Razors pain you;  
 Rivers are damp;  
 Acids stain you;  
 And drugs cause cramp.  
 Guns aren’t lawful;  
 Nooses give;  
 Gas smells awful;  
 You might as well live.

There are numerous opportunities for support for victims the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention Website. Most are free. <https://afsp.org/find-a-support-group/?zip=57717&radius=25&source=support-GroupSearchUS&type=supportGroup>

**From A1 County Commission**

trailer, at a cost of \$136,001.17, is necessary according to Heidrich for the efficiency of the highway’s workload.

Presently, with only one trailer, time is taken up going from one place and then traveling to move another piece of equipment.

Heidrich said that whenever he needs the use of a skid steer, he must rent one to fix fence, clear snow, work on bridges, or move large poles, etc.

Again, he explained that the purchase funds were from State funding and not county funds. The Caterpillar skid steer comes in at a cost of \$115,439.87.

The purchase of the belly dump and trailer with reserve funds at a cost of \$102,593.80. the two Walk ‘N Roll Compactors will be delivered in 2025, and will be billed in 2025.

The \$53,780 will be in next year’s budget.

As Heidrich began to leave his report with the commissioners, he added a statement

**From A1 Walk**  
 rise in youth suicide. According to ASAP, suicide is currently the third leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24.

However, the statistics do not know age boundaries. The highest overall rates of suicide are for adults ages 40 to 59.

Since its founding in 1987, AFSP has accomplished many goals, listed on their website. They have:

- Mobilized and connected tens of thousands of people who have lost a family member, loved one, or friend to suicide.
- Reached thousands of individuals who are at risk for suicide, as well as those who love and care for them.
- Attracted the participation of members of the scientific and clinical communities, who conduct groundbreaking research on suicide and its prevention with support from AFSP
- Established local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and DC.
- Educated hundreds of local communities about suicide and how to prevent it.
- Created a public policy and lobbying arm by merging with an existing national policy organization, thus enabling AFSP to press for legislation and policies at the federal, state and local levels that

to anyone who has any information or is guilty of ruining the McCoy Road, Snoma Road, and Valley 1 Road.

“Quit spinning tires and making cookies,” he said. The roads are in bad shape.

Deputy Jason March updated the commissioners with the process the Sheriff’s Department has been doing with the road vandals.

On the particular evening the damage was done recently, the deputies had been on several other calls and not able to keep surveillance in the area. He said that the deputies will continue to watch.

County Treasurer Debbie Lensegrav presented the commissioners with numbers for the year to date. She said that an average of 468 titles and approximately \$317,000 were brought into the county monthly.

She encouraged the public to contact her office to get on the list for assessment freeze applications.

The General Election ballots have been sent to the printer according to Auditor Annie Capp.

Absentee ballots will be available September 20, 2024. Green Light Production Cul-

advance the goal of preventing suicide.

- Substantially increased our funding from individual donors, including the thousands of highly motivated individuals who participate in Out of the Darkness Walks.
- Educated reporters and the media about how to best cover suicide.
- Communicated with hundreds of thousands of individuals through our website, social media, brochures, speakers and efforts to generate press coverage.

One of their major fundraising activities is the “Out of the Darkness Walk.”

tion and Manufacturing were approved for annual renewal. Commissioner Chad Erk was the only dissenting vote on both motions. GLP is currently not manufacturing as they are working on air filtration system.

The building committee has been working on getting an air study on the old jail building. It looks like the building may be unusable since the sandstone cannot be thoroughly cleaned and the smell removed.

Kudos were given to Newell Ambulance Director Sherry Hocking for her work getting 138 people of the Newell area trained in CPR.

During Public Comments, Sue Broadhurst had several questions which were later answered by Auditor Annie Capp. She asked who had county credit cards and what the limit is on them.

She also asked about the cost of cell phones and a meat and cheese tray charged to Dispatch. Capp explained the credit card limit of \$1,500 and that only department heads had use of them.

The next regular county commission meeting will be September 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Capp noted that the September 17 meeting will be an evening meeting.

Every September, Out of the Darkness Walks are coordinated in communities across America to raise money.

Here are links to the event and instructions on how to sign up on-line.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOGD0d\\_CM-LA&list=PLDUmGQ-JF9-5C9Q-3XwofJSeS0bOuWCiyW&index=2&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOGD0d_CM-LA&list=PLDUmGQ-JF9-5C9Q-3XwofJSeS0bOuWCiyW&index=2&t=1s)

<https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=10007&language=en>

Contact chairperson for the Belle Fourche Out of Darkness Walk is Sonja Ribordy  
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**Belle Fourche**  
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Sept 6 - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining, 5PM BBQ @ Belle Silver Lining**  
**Sept 7 - 9AM Red Onion Market, 10:30 First Saturday Brunch @ Tri State Museum, 6PM A Night at the Onion (19024 Olive Ln)**  
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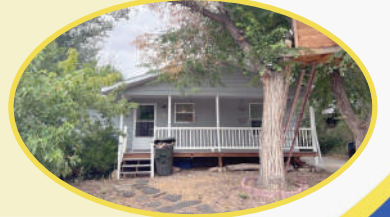


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**Renee Bisgaard,**  
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TO PREVENT SUICIDE

# REGISTER TODAY

**Belle Fourche SD Out of the Darkness Walk**  
Registration 8:00 AM/ Program 8:45 AM

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

Herrmann Park, Belle Fourche SD



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## Bronc Sports Updates

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### Boys Golf

The bronc boys varsity golf team competed in both the Rapid City invite and pre-conference invite in Lead this past weekend. Starting with the Rapid City invite after their impressive showing last week ending top 3 finish individually the broncs looked to continue that success against the competition from across the region

The Rapid City invite took place on Monday the 26th at the Elks golf course in Rapid City. With a course rating of 70.00 senior Isaac Voyles and sophomore William Carson both finished shooting a 90.00 on the 18-hole par 72 course, they tied at 14th overall in the competition in that category. Noah Mailloux finished tied 18th followed by Gabriel Raba, Reagan Lutter, and Saxton Stiefvater placing 22nd, 23rd

and 24 respectively.

Scores from the invite in Lead still not final at the time. The Broncs are now ranked 7th in the class A division and will be at home next week Thursday the 5th for the Belle Fourche Challenge Cup Invite. Tee off is at 9:00 am.

### Girls Volleyball

The Girls Volleyball team kicked off there season this week falling in their opener 3 sets to 1 against the Sturgis Scoopers Tuesday.

The lady Broncs played great and kept the game close, the shots were going Sturgis's way. Putting that loss behind them they followed up with 3 set to 0 sweep over Lead Deadwood two days later getting their first win of the season and looking extremely sharp and well together as a team.

You can catch the lady

Boncs volleyball team next week at home Friday the 6th against Mobridge at 5:30pm.

### Girls Soccer

The Girls Varsity team fell to a record of 1-2-1 with a loss to Sturgis Tuesday.

The Broncs ladies varsity squad lost with a final score of 0-7 unfortunately unable to get anything going offensively the score does not show just how hard the girls played and the effort they gave.

The lady Broncs followed that up by traveling to Hartford to take on West Central last Friday where again they played extremely well keeping the game close but ending up loosing 1-6 in the end.

### Boys Soccer

The Belle Fourche boys varsity team suffered their first loss of the season at home against the Sturgis Scooper with a final score of 0-2 Tuesday.

The Broncs followed that up by getting back in the win-

ning column Friday when they defeated James Valley Christian with a final score of 2-1.

After falling 0-1 early in the game the Broncs came back with two unanswered goals sending JVC back home with a loss.

The boys continue their season next Saturday at Freeman Academy. Kickoff is at 5pm Central time.

### Boys & Girls Cross Country

The Douglas Earlybird Invitational took place this past weekend with both the boys and girls varsity's squads competing in the event.

The boys ended up taking 6th place with 129 points.

Lennon Clarkson placed 7th in the competition with a final time of 17:18:75. Thaddaeus McKenney ended up placing 47th, Nathan Hudson 51st, Oden Walding 54th and Clifford Torberson 63rd.

For the girls team Lia Mundt

ended up finishing 4th overall with a total time of 20:33:30. Followed by Rhys Pearson who placed 15th overall, Misty Drieling 28th overall, Alexa Stone 33rd and Kate Blair 36th overall.

With an impressive start for the girls they finished 4th with a final score of 96.

Next Friday September the 6th come and watch the girls and boys cross country teams compete in the Spearfish Invite at Evan's Park starting 10 am.

### Boys Football

Last Friday night the Belle Fourche Broncos varsity football team kicked off their season by traveling to Madison, SD to take on the Bulldogs.

The Broncs ended up loosing with a final score of 6-41. The team did however show a lot of promise and Coach Sean Sweet still has them headed in the right direction. With a long season

Contd. A5 **Football**

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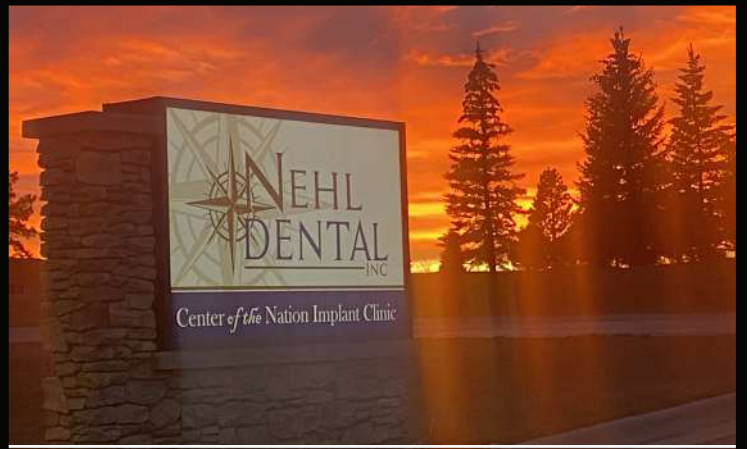
They will be honored during pregame of the Homecoming/Hall of Fame football game on October 11. Ceremony will start approximately at 5:45 pm/



Football contd. from A4 still ahead they boys varsity squad has plenty time to turn this thing around and get some wins.

Come cheer on our team next Friday, September 6th for there home opener against West Central. Kickoff is at 6:00pm.

September means Fall Sports Take in all the Bronc action!



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Free Fall Prevention Screens Tuesday, September 24th

Pain & Movement Solutions is holding their 6th annual Free Fall Prevention Screenings on Tuesday, September 24th for National Fall Awareness and Prevention Day.

Our local physical therapy group is teaming up with several other local healthcare providers, including Belle Fourche Counseling, Tri-State Medical, Belle Fourche Area Community Center, Heartland Home Health, and more to provide you with an in-depth multi-factorial fall risk assessment, free of cost, to help decrease your risk of falls.

If you or your loved one have concerns about falling, you will not want to miss this free screening opportunity.

One in 3 adults who are 65 years or older will fall this year; 20% to 30% of those who fall will sustain significant injury. Dr. Cathy Sowers, DNP, CCD with Monument Spearfish Osteoporosis Clinic states, "Sarcopenia is an age-related gradual loss of muscle mass, strength, and function.

Approximately 89% of fractures are related to falls. Pain & Movement Solution's free fall prevention screenings are emphasizing non-pharmacological fracture risk reduction approaches that need to be included in any osteoporosis treatment."

For many adults, falls are the primary cause for the loss of independent living and development of fear, which may result in limitation of physical activity and loss of social contact and/or death.

Dr. Julie Wingen, PT, DPT, owner of Pain & Movement Solutions, reports that she initiated this fall screening program for our community 6 years ago because, "Falls are highly preventable, and if an individual can identify their risk factors for falls they can prevent devastating, life-changing events."

Physical therapists are experts of human movement and are in a critical position to coordinate and provide fall prevention services, and they are teaming up with bone specialists, counselors, pharmacists, and local wellness resources to provide an in-depth, comprehensive assessment to determine one's fall risk to keep people safe in their home and communities.

Wingen reports, "My favorite part of our Fall Prevention Screens is the collaboration of our local professionals and organizations donating their time to provide a very comprehensive assessment, free of charge, to our community members.

It would take an individual several hours, hundreds of dollars and travel to receive this comprehensive of an assessment, but they can receive it locally in less than 1 hour."

Pain & Movement Solutions will be providing balance and physical mobility tests and

vestibular screens. There will be a medication review and education on side effects of your medications that could be making you feel dizzy, weak or sleepy which significantly increases the risks of falls. Tri State Medical will review treatment options for osteoporosis.

Belle Fourche Counseling will provide techniques to utilize to increase confidence with your mobility and decrease fear of falling as research has shown that fear of falling, depression and anxiety contributes to increased fall risk.

Belle Fourche Area Community Center will provide resources on how to increase physical activity levels safely. Heartland Home Health will be reviewing home hazard checklists and providing consultations on increasing the safety of your home.

Belle Silver Lining Senior Center will inform participants of the community resources they provide to improve their overall well-being.

Pain & Movement Solutions will follow up with primary care physicians to share the results of the fall prevention screening if the participant would like.

"It is going to be a very beneficial day to all our participants.

We are so fortunate to have such great professionals and organizations in our area that care about the safety and well-being of our community." Pain & Movement Solutions encourages everyone who is 65 years or older to receive a Fall Prevention Screen.

If you participated in the Fall Preventions Screens last year, you are highly recommended to participate again this year and in upcoming years to compare your results and keep tabs on your fall risk. Falls are highly preventable.

Individuals can reserve their appointment slot for the Free Fall Prevention Screens by calling Pain & Movement Solutions at 605-723-0185.

The screenings will take place on the morning of Tuesday, September 24th. Walk-ins are welcomed, but scheduling is strongly encouraged.

Pain & Movement Solutions is a therapist-owned, outpatient physical therapy practice with clinics in Belle Fourche, Sturgis and Rapid City. Their staff works diligently to be the best option for all your joint and muscle pains and movement problems. No referral is needed. Find more information about how Pain & Movement Solutions can find your solution and get you back to What Moves You!

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# Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



**Labor Day fades behind us - and so much fine arts fun lies ahead of us!!** You have a couple tasks to complete in the next few weeks: First of all, head on down to the Chamber of Commerce office to purchase your *Center of the Nation Concert Series* tickets - \$50 for Adults, \$25 for Students & 120 for families is a great deal for FIVE concerts right here in Belle Fourche! The first concert will be October 4th at the BF Rec Center Theater.

Secondly, for all you thespians, check out the **auditions for the Belle Fourche Area Community Theater's next production: A Night of Northern Hills One Acts.** Auditions will be held on September 13 at 6 – 8pm and September 14 at 4 – 6pm in the Rec Center Theater. According to BFACT directors, you don't need to bring anything for auditions, just yourself. If you have any questions, or are unable to make the audition date but still want to audition, feel free to message [director@bellefourcheact.com](mailto:director@bellefourcheact.com) or call 605.645.3255 to set up an alternative time. And do not forget to mark your calendars for the performances of these amazing Northern Hills Theaters - October 10th in Belle Fourche.

**Belle Fourche School Fine Arts update!** For Belle Fourche students, fine arts is now a daily event as our art students, choirs, and bands are back in class. The BFHS Band and Chorus director is **Micah Pennel**. The BFMS Band Director is **Jacque Bratcher**, and the BFMS Chorus Director is **Karlee Gusso**. We look forward to all of the upcoming fine arts events that the school year brings.

Now is a good time to add these school and other fine arts events to your calendars!

**September 13 & 14: Auditions for the BFACT production: A Night of Northern Hills One Acts. Sept 13, 6-8 PM & Sept 14, 4-6 PM @ the BF Rec Center Theater.**

**October 4: Jerad Freiberg - Hits of the 50s - The Center of the Nation Concert Series - 1st Concert! 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater. Admission with 5-Concert CON Ticket. (\$50 for Adult, \$25 for Student & \$120 for a family - for ALL 5 CONCERTS!)**

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

**October 11: Belle Fourche School District Parade & Homecoming game, including the BFHS & BFMS marching bands**

**October 21: The BFHS Band & Chorus Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater**

**November 2: South Dakota All-State Band & Chorus concert in Sioux Falls & on PBS**

**November 11: Veterans' Day Programs @ the BFMS (2 PM) & the BFHS (9 AM)**

**November 21-23: BFHS Fall Production - TBA!**

**December 2: BFHS Band & Chorus Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater**

**December 9: BFHS/MS Jazz Concert, 7 PM at the BF Rec Center Theater**

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

**December 16: BFMS (6-8th) Chorus Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM**

**December 20: Belle Fourche K-4th Grade Concert, BF Rec Center Theater, times TBA**

**January 20: BFMS Band Concert @ the BF Rec Center Theater, 6:30 PM**

Maybe YOU know what SHOW is UP next? Share your fine arts tidbits and upcoming events at [bellelavenue@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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- The 437 Project:
- Rapid City: Wednesday, September 18 from 5:00PM-7:00PM MT at Hilton Garden Inn Rapid City
  - Pierre: Friday, September 20 from 3:00PM-4:00PM CT at The American Legion
  - Mitchell: Saturday, September 21 from 2:00PM-3:00PM CT at the Corn Palace
  - Sioux Falls: Sunday, September 22 from 1:00PM-2:30PM CT at Levitt at the Falls

\*Each event time is listed in local time.  
In 2023, over \$270,000 was raised for the Helpline Center which is the only accredited suicide

crisis center in the state of South Dakota. Donations to The 437 Project provide ongoing support to someone who has lost a family member or friend to suicide, connecting them with resources and support groups to navigate through the grieving process. Funds raised will also allow Helpline Center staff the ability to provide critical training to community members to ensure the skills necessary to identify those at risk of suicide and provide the life-saving means to help.

For more information about The 437 Project, visit [the437project.org](http://the437project.org). To schedule a media interview, please contact Lisa Ottmar at [lisa.ottmar@helplinecenter.org](mailto:lisa.ottmar@helplinecenter.org) or call 605-274-1420.

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spearfish canyon golf club	Bullwackers Saloon and Steakhouse	14.3	Thurs	8:41 AM	10:28 AM
Bullwackers Saloon and Steakhouse	VA Medical Center	9.8	Thurs	10:28 AM	11:56 AM
VA Medical Center	sd 34 / county hwy MC 7 Vale, SD	12.2	Thurs	11:56 AM	1:58 PM
sd 34 / county hwy MC 7 Vale, SD	Hwy 34 and 145th Ave	7.2	Thurs	1:58 PM	3:10 PM
Hwy 34 and 145th Ave (4mile rd)	County highway MC-19 / Hwy 34	9.7	Thurs	3:10 PM	4:28 PM
County highway MC-19 / Hwy 34	hwy 34/ county hwy MC-21	6.1	Thurs	4:28 PM	5:26 PM
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**Community Calendar**

**Belle Silver Lining Lunch Program**  
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**AA Meetings**  
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**Writer's Group**  
Regular Meeting: Meeting will be Saturday, at 10 AM.  
B F Public Library, 3rd Sat.as always.  
Any and all writers are invited to attend.

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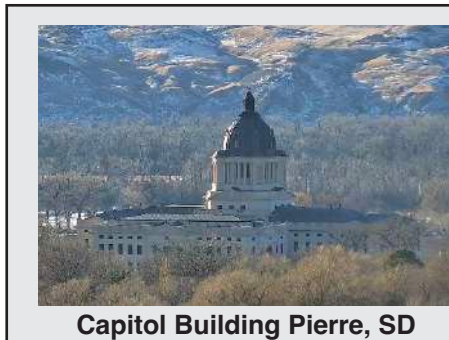
**TODDLER**  
girls & boys

**135th Annual Meeting of the Society of Black Hills Pioneers**  
will be held September 7, 2024  
at the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall,  
1049 Howard Street in Sturgis, SD.

Kelli Kissack, Spearfish, SD will present the program "Write a book, a story you want to write." Kelli is a writer, photographer, podcaster, interviewer, publisher and an equine agent. She will inspire the audience to work on ancestor stories or their life stories.

The schedule for the day is 10:45AM to 11:45AM- registration and social time, 11:15AM to 12:00 -Meeting, 12- lunch with program to follow. Cost is \$15 for lunch.  
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Please call, write or email Secretary but September 1 for reservations at: **Chris Maupin, Box 252, Hulett, WY, 82720**  
307-467-5260. 307-290-0935  
or [cmaupin@rtconnect.net](mailto:cmaupin@rtconnect.net).

The Society is open to members who are direct descendants or their spouses of people who arrived in the Black Hills by the time of the 1890 census.  
The counties included are Butte, Lawrence, Pennington, Custer and Fall River in South Dakota and Weston and Crook counties in Wyoming.  
Life Membership is \$150 plus the \$2 initial fee. Regular memberships is \$12, dues are \$10 yearly. Membership may be reinstated by paying dues \$20. Membership application by contacting Chris Maupin.  
The society have a float in the Days of '76 parade and help with cemetery work within an established cemetery and other historical work. The have records of all the annual meetings dates back to the first meeting in Deadwood in 1889.



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**From A1 Antique Store**

from my practice in Redfield, and I had an antique shop there and I wanted to live in the Black Hills," said Yeoman.

A dentist with a passion for collecting, Yeoman opened his first Antique store to share his collections with the public.

He has had stores in the Twin Cities of Minnesota, Clark, SD and Redfield, SD before making the Black Hills his home.

Calling Spearfish home for the past year, Yeoman says, "I love it out here!" He also shared that he had quite a few relatives in the area.

Brunner brings his collections and his technological abilities to the store, he has installed all of the display lighting and security cameras in the store.

As for being a new business in the area, they are getting a good stream of people visiting the store on regular basis, "And we really haven't done much advertising yet," said Yeoman.

He shared that he really liked what the town had to offer for new businesses. "Belle Fourche had more reasonable property, plus other antique shops, because the more the merrier!"



Store owner, **Clay Yeoman** stands behind the cash register at his new business, **Belle Fourche Antiques**. The store is co-owned with **Matt Brunner**. *Longbrake photo*

The store offers a large variety of treasures. "We have vintage jewelry—fine jewelry, costume jewelry.

We have a lot of glassware, pottery, furniture, a lot of local souvenir type things, South Dakota souvenirs," said Yeoman.

They provide a great mix of items, including books.

The owners travel across the country to gather treasure to

bring back to the store.

They search other shops and thrift stores.

"We get a lot of it from thrift stores in the Twin Cities," he shared.

A grand opening is planned for September 28, 2024.

There will be door prizes, cookies, refreshments and a store wide sale!



A look inside of the store, it is well supplied with lots of treasures to find. *Longbrake photo*



The store has several different rooms organized with common collections throughout. *Longbrake photo*

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**Anything Left in the Barrel?**

September is Suicide Awareness Month. This Beacon has information concerning two events you may participate in.

On Saturday morning September 14, "Out of the Darkness" walk in Belle Fourche are at Herrmann Park.

We encourage you to show up, participate and contribute if you wish.

Also, 12 runners completing will be completing this years 437 Project. It is a 437 mile relay-style journey across South Dakota for suicide prevention. Their run begins Thursday, September 19 at 7AM MT at the South Dakota/Wyoming border and concludes on Sunday, September 22 at the Iowa border.

The 437 Project's mission is to raise awareness for mental health and help raise funds for the state's only certified suicide Helpline Center.

Details on how to participate and how you may contribute if you wish are elsewhere in this Beacon, starting on Page 1

These events have a special place in my heart.

In addition to friendship with the local families affected, I lost my only brother to suicide in

2012.

Also, my daughter when in high school experienced a failed attempt. Thankfully she, after a month long stay in hospitals and with much love and prayers she was able to live on.

I had seen one of the runners, Lexi Warejecka, on a KeloLand news story about the 437 Project and got in touch.

Lexi is from Platte. The Warejecka family had many close connections to my family and my brother Richard.

She is running in support and to honor two people connected to the Warejecka family.

Coincidentally one of those is Terry Severson, who was a classmate of my son David who graduated in 1997.

When a local tourist sent photo reading the Beacon at Stone Henge and Buckingham Palace he opened the flood gates, as you will see, by this weeks submissions.

Thank you Beacon travelers!

If you happen to be traveling and have the Beacon with you in various interesting places, please feel free to send proof of travel to:

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From left: A Nebraska fan reading the Beacon on way to Husker-SDSU game; (Next two)Bronc booster showing Beacon can be enjoyed everywhere and anywhere; In Lincoln at Nebraska Memorial Stadium; during pregame warm-up; at the game while enjoying rout of SDSU; post game celebration with the Beacon at the Beacon. *Coutesy Photos*

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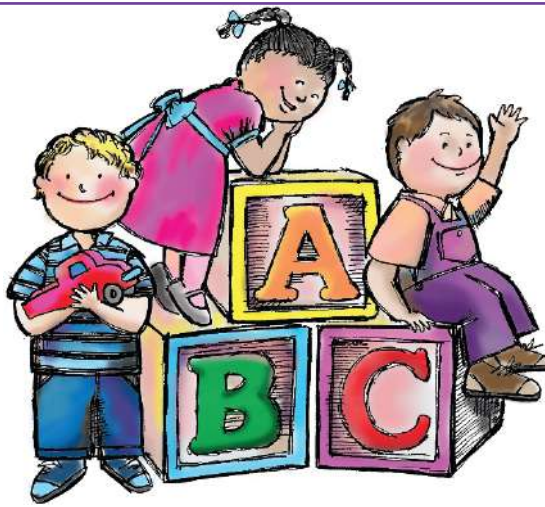

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If you have questions, or to RSVP you can contact Connie at [aclbrown@hotmail.com](mailto:aclbrown@hotmail.com)




**Free Early Childhood Developmental Screening for children ages 0-5**

The Belle Fourche School District in collaboration with SD Birth to Three, Badlands Head Start Prenatal to Five, and Families First invites you to attend.

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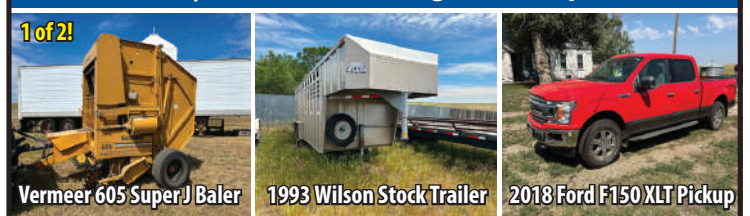
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## Cattle Report - Friday, August 30, 2024

Good run of yearlings - softer due to the board

Next sale - September 6th - Yrkg & Spring Calf Special - Selling all classes of cattle  
12:00 Noon - Rollover Auction for the Wyoming Fire Relief Efforts  
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<b>Yearlings</b>			
Crago, Ralph, St Onge SD	16 Bld Hfr	970	\$218.00
Dry Creek Cattle, Buffalo WY	29 Bld Hfr	802	\$238.00
Elgin, Theodore Or Catherine, Biddle MT	14 Bld Hfr	843	\$232.50
Hamm, Don Robert, Rozet WY	33 Bld Hfr	976	\$220.50
Hutchinson Trust, Drew & Judy, Aladdin WY	55 Red Str	867	\$241.50
IPY Ranch Ltd, Devils Tower WY	22 Bld Hfr	877	\$225.50
Johnston Jr, Sk, Big Horn WY	37 Bld Hfr	870	\$228.50
Kissack, Bart & Kathy J, Gillette WY	20 Bld Hfr	874	\$229.25
Kissack, Joe Or Amity, Rozet WY	10 Bld Hfr	909	\$225.50
Kudlock Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	22 Bld Hfr	864	\$225.50
Mackaben, Brad, Camp Crook SD	9 Bld Hfr	773	\$239.50
Oshoto Flying M Operations LLC, Gillette WY	23 Bld Hfr	956	\$219.50
Riley, John Or Mike, Volborg MT	31 Bld Hfr	865	\$226.75
Rolph, Murray, Ekalaka MT	14 Mix Str	890	\$234.50
S & L Sheep Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	17 Bld Hfr	887	\$225.50
SDSU, Philip SD	16 Bld Hfr	916	\$229.50
Tavegie, Todd Or Michael Troy, Newcastle WY	32 Bld Hfr	985	\$219.00

### Weigh Up Cows

Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	1 Bld Cow	1165	\$143.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	4 Bld Cow	1258	\$134.50
Boller Mills Ranch, Gillette WY	1 Bld Cow	1185	\$159.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	12 Bld Hfr	964	\$196.50
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	1 Bld Hfr	925	\$165.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	1 Herf Cow	950	\$151.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	11 Bld Cow	1296	\$142.50
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	3 Bld Cow	1486	\$140.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	5 Bld Cow	1248	\$140.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	2 Bld Cow	1295	\$135.00
Burghdoff, Gerald/Rebecca, Camp Crook SD	8 Mix Cow	1595	\$139.00
Burghdoff, Gerald/Rebecca, Camp Crook SD	4 Bld Cow	1488	\$135.50
Busenitz Ranch Inc, Hulett WY	1 Bld Cow	1440	\$139.00
Casteel, Guy, Newell SD	2 Bld Cow	1292	\$139.50
Garbel, Levi, Belle Fourche SD	1 Bld Cow	1700	\$135.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	4 Bld Hfr	982	\$186.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	7 Bld Hfr	837	\$177.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	1 Bld Cow	915	\$157.50
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	1 Bld Cow	1325	\$142.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	3 Bld Cow	1160	\$141.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	1 Bld Cow	1015	\$135.00
Grubl, Christopher, Sturgis SD	6 Bld Cow	1275	\$134.50
Gustafson, Heath, Sturgis SD	1 Bld Cow	1245	\$145.00
Heart Tail Ranch Lp, St Onge SD	1 Bld Cow	1420	\$138.00
Heart Tail Ranch Lp, St Onge SD	1 Bld Cow	1740	\$128.00
Ivn Cattle Co LLC, Newcastle WY	1 Bld Cow	1095	\$141.00
Ivn Cattle Co LLC, Newcastle WY	3 Bld Cow	1473	\$138.00
Ivn Cattle Co LLC, Newcastle WY	1 Bld Cow	1380	\$136.00
Ketchum, Bruce, Plevna MT	2 Red Cow	1345	\$130.00
Komes, Joshua, Vale SD	2 Bld Cow	1452	\$130.00
Krueger, Kris, Custer SD	2 Bld Cow	1397	\$135.50
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD	1 Bld Cow	1500	\$140.00
McDonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	1 Bld Cow	1495	\$139.00
McDonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett WY	1 Bld Cow	1390	\$134.00
McDonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett WY	5 Bld Cow	1335	\$132.00
McGrath, Brian, Deadwood SD	4 Bld Hfr	1046	\$180.00
McGrath, Brian, Deadwood SD	1 Bld Cow	875	\$155.00
McGrath, Brian, Deadwood SD	5 Bld Cow	1184	\$134.00
Paulsen, Mitchell L, Custer SD	6 Bld Cow	1632	\$143.00
Paulsen, Mitchell L, Custer SD	1 Bld Cow	1320	\$140.00
SDSU, Philip SD	8 Bld Cow	1201	\$158.50
SDSU, Philip SD	5 Bld Cow	1332	\$140.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	1 Bld Cow	1680	\$140.00
Strambaugh, Randy, Buffalo Gap SD	2 Bld Cow	1690	\$136.00
Thompson, Ted, Whitewood SD	1 Bld Cow	1360	\$139.50
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette WY	1 Bld Cow	995	\$153.00
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette WY	2 Bld Cow	1250	\$147.00
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette WY	5 Bld Cow	1461	\$138.00
Tripp, Ralph, Gillette WY	1 Bld Cow	1875	\$136.00
Whitney, James, Newcastle WY	1 Bld Cow	1210	\$138.50

### Weigh Up Bulls

Anderson Rev Trust, Dwayne K, Gillette WY	3 Red Bull	1181	\$150.00
Anderson Rev Trust, Dwayne K, Gillette WY	1 Red Bull	1045	\$194.00
Beck, Levi, Gillette WY	1 Bld Bull	1790	\$150.00
Beck, Levi, Gillette WY	1 Bld Bull	1770	\$157.00
Beck, Tom Or Tammy, Gillette WY	1 Bld Bull	1655	\$145.00
Black, Jamie Lee, Rozet WY	1 Red Bull	1785	\$156.00
Borchgrevink, Matt, Belle Fourche SD	1 Red Bull	1645	\$150.00
Brence, Charles, Ekalaka MT	1 Bld Bull	1955	\$164.00
Brengle Family Trust, Dennis, Buffalo SD	1 Bld Bull	1885	\$140.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1 Bld Bull	1900	\$157.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1 Bld Bull	1715	\$144.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	1 Bld Bull	1440	\$140.00
Doolittle Wagner Ranch LLC, Belle Fourche SD	2 Herf Bull	1530	\$145.00
Goodvin, Terry, Hulett WY	1 Bld Bull	1890	\$150.00
Hay Creek Surface LLC, Wright WY	1 Red Bull	1475	\$147.00
Howie, Nathan, White Owl SD	1 Bld Bull	1955	\$160.00
Howie, Ronald D, White Owl SD	1 Bld Bull	2075	\$152.00
Jones Ranch Partnership, Rapid City SD	1 Bld Bull	1900	\$148.00
Jones Ranch Partnership, Rapid City SD	1 Bld Bull	1530	\$130.00
Kingdom, Ray, St Onge SD	1 Herf Bull	2275	\$153.50
Kissack, Bart & Kathy J, Gillette WY	1 Bld Bull	1470	\$144.00
Krutzfeldt, Lewis Jr, Powderville MT	1 Bld Bull	1745	\$150.00
Krutzfeldt, Lewis Jr, Powderville MT	1 Bld Bull	1720	\$140.00
Lewis, Dan, Rapid City SD	1 Bld Bull	1515	\$144.00
Lewis, Stan, Nisland SD	2 Red Bull	1732	\$156.00
Lindblom, Brad, Hermosa SD	1 Bld Bull	1725	\$140.00
Lindblom, Dave, Rapid City SD	1 Bld Bull	1665	\$147.00
McFarland, Kenneth Or Kelli, Belle Fourche SD	1 Bld Bull	1675	\$146.00
McFarland, Kenneth Or Kelli, Belle Fourche SD	1 Bld Bull	1655	\$150.00
McFarland, Kenneth Or Kelli, Belle Fourche SD	2 Bld Bull	1625	\$147.00

McFarland, Kenneth Or Kelli, Belle Fourche SD	1 Bld Bull	1115	\$156.00
McGrath, Brian, Deadwood SD	1 Bld Bull	1775	\$152.00
McGrath, Brian, Deadwood SD	1 Bld Bull	1755	\$150.00
OP Bar Ranch Lp, St Onge SD	1 Bld Bull	1930	\$150.00
OP Bar Ranch Lp, St Onge SD	1 Herf Bull	2280	\$147.00
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT	1 Bld Bull	1755	\$148.00
Open 8 Ranch, Broadus MT	1 Bld Bull	1555	\$145.00
R & R Livestock, Upton WY	1 Bld Bull	2260	\$160.00
R & R Livestock, Upton WY	1 Bld Bull	1600	\$145.00
Rolph, Murray, Ekalaka MT	1 Bld Bull	1665	\$147.00
Rolph, Murray, Ekalaka MT	1 Bld Bull	1580	\$155.00
Sams, Norman, Weston WY	2 Bld Bull	2010	\$162.00
Sleep Ranch LLC, Spearfish SD	1 Bld Bull	1560	\$156.00
Snyder Cattle Co LLC, Piedmont SD	1 Bld Bull	1480	\$140.00
Strambaugh, Randy, Buffalo Gap SD	1 Bld Bull	2020	\$145.00
Tavegie, Todd Or Michael Troy, Newcastle WY	1 Bld Bull	1405	\$143.00
Tope Livestock LLC, Hulett WY	1 Bld Bull	1995	\$147.00
Tope Livestock LLC, Hulett WY	1 Bld Bull	1895	\$150.00
Whitney, Jason, Newcastle WY	1 Bld Bull	1670	\$154.00
Whitney, Jerry, Newcastle WY	1 Bld Bull	2265	\$154.00

## Friday, September 6, 2024

### Yearling & Spring Calf Special WY Fire Relief Fund Rollover Auction

10:00 AM -- Weigh Up Cows 12:00 PM -- Rollover Auction  
followed by Feeder Cattle

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free  
BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI- No Implants

### Yearlings

T Quarter Circle Ranch -- 500 Blk & Red Hfrs -- 850-925# - Open  
- 100 Blk & Herf Strs -- 850-925#

Scott & Carla Crowser -- 400 Blk Red Char Hfrs -- 800-900# -- Spayed  
- 200 Blk Red Char Strs -- 800-900#

Bill Kinghorn -- 360 Blk Hfrs -- 850-875# - Spayed

Rockin B Feeders -- 200 Blk & Red Hfrs -- 800-900# - Spayed

Lindsey Ranch -- 180 Blk Hfrs -- 850-950#

Balo Ranch -- 80 Blk Strs -- 800-850#

- 40 Blk Hfrs -- 800-850# - Spayed

21 Ranch -- 95 Red & Bldy Hfrs -- 850-900# -- Open

MT Consignment -- 80 Blk & Red Mostly Strs -- 775-900#

Grubbing Hoe Ranch -- 55 Blk & Bldy Hfrs -- 950# - Open

- 20 Blk Mostly Hfrs -- 800# - Hfrs Spayed

Slash H Ranch -- 55 Herf Hfrs -- 825-900# - Spayed

- 17 Herf Strs -- 800-875# - Hr

Policky Ranch -- 61 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 825-925# - Hfrs Spayed

Ryan XZ Ranch -- 40 Mostly Blk Hfrs -- 875-925# - Open

Troy Johnson -- 30 Blk Hfrs -- 850-900# - Open

Neal McCoy -- 10 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 850#

Stirling & Victoria Holland -- 8 Blk & Red Hfrs -- 750-850# - Open or Spayed

### Calves

Hilda Brimmer -- 70 Herf Or Blk Bldy Strs & Hfrs -- 575-625# - All Natural

Neal McCoy -- 18 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 400-500# -- BT, NI

### 2024 CATTLE SALES

September 13th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

September 20th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

September 27th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

October 4th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Friday, October 11th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special

Saturday, October 12th -- 1st Saturday Weigh Up Sale

Friday, October 18th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special

Saturday, October 19th -- Weigh Up Cattle & Early Bred Cow Special

Wednesday, October 23rd -- 1st Wednesday Spring Calf Special

Friday, October 25th -- Yearling & Spring Calf Special

Saturday, October 26th -- Weigh Up Sale

Wednesday, October 30th -- Spring Calf Special

Friday, November 1st -- Spring Calf Special

Saturday November 2nd -- Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups

Wednesday, November 6th -- Spring Calf Special

Friday, November 8th -- Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 9th -- Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups

Friday, November 15th -- Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 16th -- Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups

Friday, November 22nd -- Spring Calf Special

Saturday, November 23rd -- Bred Heifer & Cow Special Along With Weigh Ups

Friday, November 29th -- No Sale -- Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 30th -- Annual Thanksgiving Bred Heifer & Stock Cow Special

Friday, December 6th -- Spring Calf Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Friday, December 13th -- Spring Calf Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

Friday, December 20th -- Last Sale Of 2024 -- Bred Heifer & Cow Special -- Selling All Classes Of Cattle

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## Sheep Report - Thursday, August 29, 2024

Lamb market looked steady to \$10 higher on the lambs  
Slaughter ewes sold \$10 to \$15 higher

Next sale - September 5th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling all classes of goats & sheep  
Expecting 1500-2000 feeder lambs  
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale  
Thank you for your business!

### Feeder Lambs

Harrington, Chad, Hammond MT	68 Lamb	51	\$234.00
Harrington, Chad, Hammond MT	294 Lamb	68	\$203.00
Harrington, Chad, Hammond MT	61 Lamb	86	\$194.00
Harrington, Troy & Debbie, Hammond MT	97 Lamb	48	\$234.00
Harrington, Troy & Debbie, Hammond MT	63 Lamb	63	\$210.00
Harrington, Troy & Debbie, Hammond MT	66 Lamb	79	\$194.00
Acosta & Buckmeier, Prairie City SD	84 Lamb	80	\$197.00
Brewer, Ben, Broadus MT	42 Lamb	85	\$182.00
Dornogalski, Mike, Whitewood SD	72 Lamb	79	\$195.00
Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche SD	27 Lamb	59	\$210.00
Garman, Trevor, Belle Fourche SD	160 Lamb	72	\$197.00
Gilles Farm, Whitewood SD	25 Lamb	65	\$195.00
Goodvin, Terry, Hulett WY	32 Lamb	96	\$162.00
Lewis, Stan, Nisland SD	94 Lamb	88	\$183.00
Murphyon, Margaret, Meadow SD	56 Lamb	55	\$204.00
Pittman, Marissa, Belle Fourche SD	202 Lamb	73	\$186.00
Rogers, Braden, Newell SD	46 Lamb	71	\$184.00
Sledman, Terrance, Beach Nd	49 Lamb	108	\$163.00
Tetraut, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD	67 Lamb	84	\$198.00
Tetraut, Tim Or Roxie, St Onge SD	22 Lamb	100	\$161.00

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## Belle Silver Lining Activities Center is going to host a fundraiser BBQ

BSL will be hosting a fundraiser BBQ Friday Sept 6, 2024 from 5pm-7pm.

At the center 828 Kingsbury Street Belle Fourche SD. All are welcome and donations are appreciated.

Belle Silver Lining Activities Center has been in operations for 50 years.

We serve the community by offering daily homemade style lunches and having a place to socialize.

Coffee and caramel rolls every Friday morning, card games, puzzles, penny bingo, pool, movie nights, and good old fashion conversation.

We host the Father/Daughter Dance and Parade of Lights Chili Feed yearly.

We are planning a Mother/Son Dance this year.

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fun filled cornhole fundraising tournament to support the Belle Silver Lining Activities Center on Sunday October 6 at the Belle Fourche Moose Lodge. Registration begins at 12:00pm and bags fly around 1:00pm.

During the tournament we will be selling 50/50 tickets and having a dessert silent auction.



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**Looking Back in Belle**

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**124 years ago**  
**THE TIMES**  
**September 7, 1899**  
**Alzada and Fivemile Budget**  
We of this vicinity are planning ourselves upon the knowledge that our erstwhile neighbor, Ant Zimmerman is doing so nicely as leading liveryman of Belle Fourche. And we are prouder still over the information that he is proving a genuine hustler, deserving of his good luck. Belle Fourche loses one more good citizen to the credit of Little Missouri.

Last Thursday Miss Vivian Sprague held a reception her mother and grandma assisting. Among the callers were Mesdames L. C. Gass and Geo. Arbuckle. Charles's smile is still expanding. It has now reached his ears, and bets are freely offered that it will yet meet and clinch.

**Snomas News** The hail storm has got to be an old story here. M. Snyder and Chris Godfredson in this neighborhood were hailed out. The rest have cut their crops. A. H. Snyder started out with his threshing outfit last week. Hailed grain, wheat, is turning out from 4 to 9 bushels per acre.

**100 years**  
**The Belle Fourche Bee**  
**September 4, 1924**  
**SHORTAGE OF FINE GRADES OF WOOL Higher Prices Have Been Reached for All Grades - Foreign Market Also Advancing** Last Thursday's Boston Transcript said: Local wool men are very cheerful this week because market events seem to promise a more speedy realization than heretofore anticipated of their prediction

of higher prices for their merchandise. The market position allows stronger and more healthy in favor of holders of wool. Not all sellers have the courage to mark up their prices for their suppliers to the figures which are considered justified by cold logic, yet substantial improvement is noted from week to week. In some classes of wool, notably the finer grades of both fleece and territories, a serious depletion of stocks already has been accomplished, and the trend in that direction continues.

**CHANGE AT IRIS** A change is being made at the Iris theater goes to Rapid City where he will succeed D. P. Roberts as manager of the Auditorium theatre; Mr. Roberts has taken charge of the Orpheum and Gem theatres at Sheridan, Wyo. Mrs. Loraine Hoffman will be manager of the Iris in Belle Fourche, and will be assisted by Millard Newell as operator, and Harold Widdoss will look after the lobby displays and other advertising. Mrs. Peterson and son, Dan, will go to Rapid City in the next week or ten days.

**75 years ago**  
**The Belle Fourche Bee**  
**September 1, 1949**  
**Slight Enrollment Gain Expected When City School Start Tuesday.** A slight increase in enrollment is expected when schools in Belle Fourche open next Tuesday, according to Supt. Frank Kober. Teaching staff for both the grades and high school is filled. All teachers will meet for a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Monday, following by a meeting. **Open New Building** Although the new school



building by Mary Buchholz completed by next week, school will be started there. Second graders and prospective first graders residing south of the railroad tracks and west of Sixth avenue will attend school there.

**7590 HEAD CATTLE, SHEEP, HOGS SOLD** A total of 7590 head of livestock - 2800 cattle, 4400 sheep and 390 hogs - were marketed through the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange in regular auctions the past seven days, according to Manager Jesse Guildinger. Prices held steady with a top of \$21.50 a hundred for yearling steers sold by Clyde Sandon of Belltower and Ernest Brink of Belle Fourche. Sandon also had yearling heifers that brought \$19.10 a hundred.

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**Ranches Organize Group to Protest Assessment Change** A new organization, named the Butte County Land and Home Owners Association, was formed at the Belle Fourche Livestock Exchange Aug. 9. The purpose of this association is to explore ways and means of counteracting the recent action of the state board of equalization in raising the valuation of real and personal property in Butte county. Much consideration will be given South Dakota Section S.D.C.L. 10-6-33.1 of the 1970 law which brings pro-

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ductivity into the tax formula. The pending land use legislation in South Dakota is also of much concern by this new group. The association will also take an active non-partisan interest in various political races throughout the area, one of the primary concerns being lack of rural representation in county government.

**Anti-Rustling Group is Formed**  
Newell - Over 100 ranchers representing 200,000 acres of land attended an organization meeting to form a new Livestock Protective Association Aug. 30. The gathering, held in the Butte Electric Co-operative's hospitality room in Newell, attracted people from Belle Fourche, Sturgis, Buffalo, Bison, Faith, Mud Butte, Enning, Union Center and Newell. Established to try to stop the mushrooming stealing of large numbers of cattle and sheep in these areas, \$1300 cash raised Friday with pledges of much more money

for hiring patrols. They will be supplied with two-way radios and other instruments and will work in conjunction with Meade and Butte county lawmen and citizen ground deputies.

Sherrill Services To Be Held Saturday Mass of resurrection for Dr. Sion F. Sherrill will be held at 10a.m. Saturday at St James Episcopal Church. Burial will be at Pineslope Cemetery under direction of Frost and Son Funeral Home. Masonic graveside rites are planned. The 65-year old doctor had been in failing health for some time. However, he continue to maintain his medical practice here until his formal retirement Aug. 1. Sion F. Sherrill was born Oct. 21, 1908 at Camp Crook, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Sherrill. Dr. Sherrill and Lottie Stark were married June 3, 1933 at Omaha. The couple moved to Belle Fourche in 1933 and had their home here since.



Dr. Sion Sherrill, practiced medicine in Belle Fourche from 1933 to 1974.



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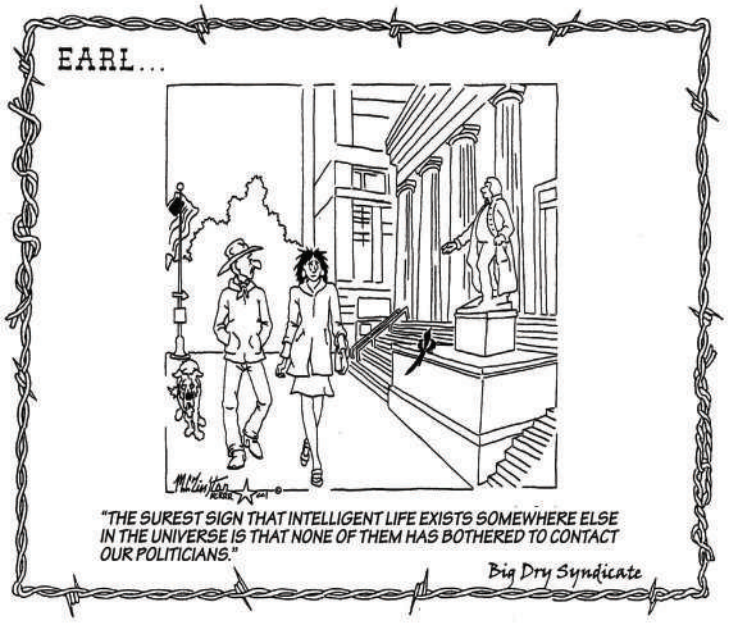
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## Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden September 1, 2024



While we had a warm week, it wasn't as hot as the week before We had a good rain early last week which has left Central Meade County a nice shade of green. However, that won't last long without another good dose soon.

and check out the progress and enjoy a step back in time! For more information contact Laila Ingalls Brownlee at Laila.brownlee@gmail.com or 316-650-2271. A laptop and scanner will be on-site to scan your photos and returned immediately to you.

Folks have been enjoying their juicy Colorado peaches this week after last week's delivery. They are perfect for canning or freezing and will make great treats in the months to come.

New flooring will be completed soon in the fellowship hall of the Union Center Church. There will be pot luck dinner after church this Sunday.

Edna Smith has been nominated to be inducted into the Legends of Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame. There will be 11- 13 inductees that includes Edna's brother, Bob Haley, who will be inducted posthumously as he has passed away. The ceremony will be from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Mouse Lodge in Rapid City on Sunday, September 29. No reservations are required and one may purchase tickets at the door for \$10 each.

On Sunday, September 22 there will be a bridal shower for Talina Spring at Sheri and Lynn Spring's home. Also on September 22 the Community Baptist Church of Union Center will host the Sunday School Convention held annually.

As a reminder this Saturday, September 7, there will be a reunion of Royal Center School. Everyone is invited including past students, teachers and their descendants in an Open House format. It is located on Stoneville Road, 25 miles north of Union Center or 8 miles south of Hwy 212. A shade tent, restroom facilities and cold drinks will be provided. Bring treats or refreshments to share if you are able. If you have a connection with the Royal Center School please bring any old photos of the school or community. It will be from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. The school was placed on the National Register of Historic places in February 2023. Come

Larry and Sandy Rhoden attended the State Fair on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. They attended the Extreme Bulls Rodeo Wednesday evening in Huron. They joined the Governor and Bryon Noem and attended the Centennial Farms program on Thursday morning followed by the Veterans Recognition and ceremony. Gary Remington's ranch was listed among the 100 year Centennial farms. They then attended a meeting of all of the farm organizations in the state to share and to listen to updates, needs and ideas. It was interesting and informative.

Free kittens are still available as long as they go to loving and caring homes. They should be ready to go by this weekend if needed. If you are interested you may call 605-858-5822 to visit with Sandy. Delivery is possible.

## "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" Maslow's Community Development Approach

Community development is a complex process that requires a multifaceted approach. By applying Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs to community growth and focusing on local economic development, we can create a framework for sustainable progress. This article will explore how communities can achieve "self-actualization" through strategic planning and investment in local businesses.

\$43 for chain stores. This translates to a 3-7x higher economic impact for local spending. \$1 million spent at local businesses generates \$680,000 in local economic activity. \$1 million spent at chain stores generates only \$430,000 in local economic activity. The difference of \$250,000 per \$1 million spent represents potential job creation or growth, infrastructure improvements, and further community investments.



Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, first proposed in 1943, outlines five levels of human needs: physiological, safety, love/belonging, esteem, and self-actualization. When applied to community development, we can draw parallels: Physiological needs might equal basic infrastructure, Safety needs might equate to police, fire departments, affordable housing, Love/belonging can equal community centers, parks, social services, Esteem might equal quality education, cultural institutions, local businesses, Self-actualization equals a thriving economy, innovation hubs and quality of life

Many small towns face economic challenges due to retail consolidation, 9,300 retail stores closed in 2019. Online sales increased from 5.1% of total retail sales in 2007 to 16.1% in 2020 and are growing 1-2% each year. Population declines of 80% of rural counties lost population between 2010-2020. These trends actually reversed during the COVID-19 pandemic due to the problems in the cities, and e-commerce sales grew by 44% in 2020.

Just like each of us might fall into this Hierarchy of Needs, research shows that communities progressing through these stages experience have improved outcomes. A 2019 study by the Urban Institute found that cities investing in basic infrastructure and safety saw a 12% reduction in crime rates and a 15% increase in property values over five years.

To achieve community self-actualization, local leaders should consider establishing small business incubators which has a 66% success rate vs. 20% for non-incubated businesses. Provide microloans which creates 2.4 jobs per loan on average. Promote "buy local" initiatives or implement local currency programs (Bristol Pound increased local spending by 13%). Organize local business alliances such as Chambers and Main Streets which members report 7.4% revenue growth vs. 4.2% for non-members. Partner with local colleges which can increase per capita income by 10% according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Local businesses play a crucial role in community development. According to the American Independent Business Alliance, locally-owned businesses recirculate 48% of their revenue back into the local economy, compared to just 14% for chain stores. This "multiplier effect" has significant implications, small businesses create 1.5 million jobs annually. Communities with diverse local businesses recover faster from economic downturns. 72% of consumers say local businesses contribute to a unique community character.

A great example might be Asheville, NC as they exemplify successful community development through local focus. Their "Go Local" campaign increased local business revenue by 25% over 3 years. They created 1,500 new jobs in locally-owned businesses between 2015-2019. They achieved 17% population growth from 2010-2020, outpacing state average. They were named "#1 Small City for Business and Careers" by Forbes in 2020. By applying Maslow's Hierarchy

A 2018 study by Civic Economics found that for every \$100 spent at a local business, \$68 remains in the local economy, compared to just

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## Capitol News

September 1, 2024

Dick and Erma Albert had a fun week; especially because their son and daughter-in-law were visiting from Texas. On Tuesday, they went to the Hills, where two hiked up Spearfish Canyon, while the other two did some shopping. On Friday, they all went to the Senior Citizen chicken dinner. Then the four visited the Slim Buttes, and did some hiking there. They stopped at the Reva Store on the way home, to get a snack. The kids left very early on Saturday, and had gotten back home in Texas by Sunday evening. Dick and Erma went to church on Sunday, at the Catholic Church. Then they went to Saloon Number Three for lunch. The place was packed, with the extra rodeo people in town. Pete Anderson went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, on Sunday. He is looking forward to a special sporting event soon. Doug and Julia Davis had a pretty quiet week. Doug went to the Carol Kalbach funeral in Baker, on Thursday. Julia had caught some kind of flu, and spent a couple of days 'under the weather'. By Sunday, she was feeling better, and ready to go to church, but discovered she had shared the disease with Doug, so they stayed home on Sunday, too. The Paddens have been busy all summer. Dawn and her

trip together at the end of July. Dorothy Padden requested a fishing trip for her ninetieth birthday, so in August, they went over toward Watertown to do some fishing. Then there was the 'Days of '85' rodeo and fair in Ekalaka, and they took their camper to town. The Camp Crook fair was next, and Dawn got some good pictures at that rodeo. Next they went to Fort Peck where they met Brett and Stacey Padden and Donny and Lynne Brewer, for fishing. Since school has started again, this week became busy with sports. They went to the volleyball games in Buffalo, on Thursday. Dawn went to Bowman, on Friday morning, to see Kanyin in the cross country track meet. Then they went to the football game against Wall on Friday, too. Archery antelope hunting season has started, and they have visiting hunters. Bob and Jerry Ebert came from Ohio. Tim Padden and son, Ryan, and two friends came from Helena. Kevin Olmsted is visiting, too. Ernie, Rachel, Tommy, Junior and Shirley Melum went to the Carol Kalbach funeral in Baker on Thursday. Tommy played guitar for one of the songs during the service. Last week, while Karen Odell was discussing the weather with a visiting skunk on her front step, other interesting things were happening on the northwest edge of Spearfish, at the home of Kylie Odell's Aunt Jenny. In the morning, her Aunt Jenny went out to open up

the chicken house and feed the chickens, when she noticed that a window screen was missing. A house cat, nearby gave Jenny a warning that something was wrong, so she decided not to go in. As it turned out, a mountain lion was inside and had killed all of her chickens, proving that everyone loves a Sunday chicken dinner. That hero house cat must have felt like David against Goliath. It didn't matter if he was saying, "Stand and fight!" or "There is danger!", or just "Help!". That house cat saved her and is now a hero. On Tuesday, Karen Odell went to Buffalo on business, and to do some shopping. She visited Shirley Melum, on Wednesday, and went to the Carol Kalbach memorial service on-line from the Baptist Church in Baker, on Thursday. Then on Friday, she made a trip to Belle Fourche, to have the oil changed and air conditioner recharged in her car. The cost was beyond imagination, because the air conditioning had to have a special expensive machine to check it out and see what was wrong. I guess they think the human brain might not be able to detect hot air. Then she was told that using the defroster might use up the conditioning fluid that had just been replaced. On Sunday, she played the piano for the hymns, at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook, where Alan Loken was guest speaker. They say practice makes perfect, but since nobody is perfect, what's the object?

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# Southeast SD surges ahead of Black Hills in tourism revenue

**South Dakota saw \$4.96 billion in tourism spending in 2023, with 14.7 million visitors. Increasingly, more of them are drawn to the 14 counties in and around Sioux Falls.**

**Bart Pfankuch**

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LAKE KAMPESKA, S.D.

— As they sat in comfy lawn chairs and sipped cold sodas in a campsite along this lake’s shoreline, Cheryl and Mark Okeson didn’t look like or feel like trend-setters within the South Dakota tourism industry. And yet, without realizing it, the couple from Ortonville, Minnesota, perfectly represented a recent shift in how and where visitors to the Rushmore State spend their time and money while on vacation. The retirees have enjoyed previous visits to the Black Hills region, long the powerhouse in attracting tourist visits and spending in the state. But for the past few years, they have instead decided to visit Watertown, in the northeast corner of the state, for what they said is a quieter, slower-paced vacation that still offers some urban amenities.

“We’ve camped in the Black Hills many, many times, and it’s just so many people and a lot of this and that going on,” Cheryl Okeson said in early August as she sat with her husband and dog in their campsite in Stoke-Thomas Lake City Park. “This is just more relaxed and more laid back, and that’s why we like coming here.”

While visiting Watertown, the Okesons were able to easily land a campsite right on the shores of picturesque Lake Kampeska. And they were also in close proximity to unique restaurants and cultural sites like the Redlin Art Center and the Bramble Park Zoo.

The Okesons are far from alone, however, in their new desire to consider East River destinations as prime vacation options.



Cali Jermier, 46, and her 23-year-old son, Bryce Jermier, and his dog, Cash, pose for a photo taken by another tourist Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024, at Falls Park in Sioux Falls, S.D.. The Jermiers, who hail from Iowa, enjoy the mix of urban and rural offerings available in the East River tourism market, which has recently outpaced West River. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)

### Southeast region now tops in tourism revenue

With the exception of the COVID pandemic year of 2020, tourism spending across South Dakota has risen steadily in recent years across its four tourism regions: Black Hills and Badlands in the west, which includes the 15 counties around Black Hills National Forest and Badlands National Park, from roughly Belle Fourche to Hot Springs. The South Dakota Missouri River region in the center from Mobridge to Pierre to Wagner. Glacial Lakes and Prairies in

the northeast. Southeast, which includes the 14 counties around Sioux Falls.

The Black Hills and Badlands region remains a hot spot for visitor spending, as it has for most of the past century. But in 2022 and again last year, the Southeast tourism market flipped the traditional script and generated greater tourism revenue than the west, with the Glacial Lakes and Prairies region also seeing strong growth. State data show that in 2022, the Black Hills and Badlands region took in \$1.81 billion in tourism revenue, slightly less than the \$1.86 billion generated in the Southeast region that year. In 2023, the Southeast region again topped its West River counterpart to the tune of \$1.96 billion compared to \$1.92 billion. The Glacial Lakes and Prairies region saw \$699 million in 2023 revenues, while the Missouri River region had \$386 million.

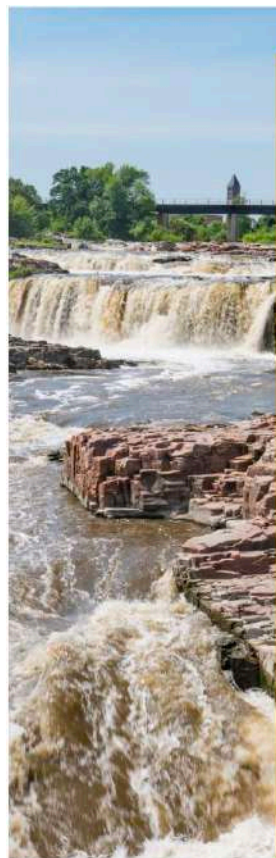
“They’ve outpaced us for such a long time, it’s good to get above them for a change,” Teri Schmidt, CEO of the tourism marketing group Experience Sioux Falls, said with a slight chuckle.

Schmidt was partly joking because while she celebrates the high revenue and visitor counts, she also acknowledged that the sometimes prickly competition that once existed between East River and West River tourism markets has softened into an attitude of cooperation and teamwork.

Now, tourism promoters and operators across the state cross-promote their statewide partners, and they largely agree that a rising tide of spending in one region lifts the entire statewide industry.

“The reality is that we’re all good friends, and what’s good for West River is good for East River and vice versa, so at the end of the day, we kind of laugh about it,” Schmidt said.

That sentiment is shared by Michelle Thomson, CEO of the Black Hills & Badlands Tourism Association, who said she is glad to see other regions of the state performing so well. “I think it’s great because it’s an effort that the four regions are working hard on together,” Thomson said. “We’re all really trying to maximize the time and the dollars that they spend in



## SOUTH DAKOTA TOURISM BY THE NUMBERS



- **14.7 million:** Number of people who visited South Dakota in 2023.
- **\$4.96 billion:** Tourism spending in South Dakota in 2023, up from \$4.73 billion in 2022.
- **58,000:** Jobs that are fueled by the tourism industry.
- **\$23 million:** South Dakota Department of tourism annual budget.
- **\$1.96 billion:** Tourism revenue generated by the southeastern South Dakota region in 2023.

Source: South Dakota Tourism

our state. So if we can get them to visit all four regions, that’s tremendous.”

Thomson said spending by tourists is a bit different between the East River and West River areas. While Black Hills and Badlands tourists focus more on the outdoors, established tourism sites and family attractions, the typical Sioux Falls tourist is more likely to spend on weekend stays, driven by frequent events, shows and restaurant visits.

### Tourism remains a growing industry in South Dakota

The new sense of harmony appears to be working well as the state saw a nearly 5% overall increase in tourism spending in 2023 compared to the year prior, with all four designated regions seeing revenue increases of 3% to 6%.

Statewide, South Dakota saw \$4.73 billion in tourism spending in 2022 with a jump to \$4.96 billion in 2023. That year, the latest for which data are complete, 14.7 million visitors came to South Dakota, producing a total economic impact of \$8 billion, fueling almost 58,000 jobs and generating \$384 million in state and local taxes.

The growth in the Southeast has not come at the cost of the Black Hills region, however, as both areas have seen steady growth over time, including 20% increases in both regions over the past five years.

“The one thing I love about our industry is that really, over the last 10 years, this industry is unified like I haven’t seen it before,” said South Dakota Secretary of Tourism Jim Hagen. “We know that when people come to the Black Hills, and have an amazing experience, it piques their curiosity about the rest of the state. And we’re seeing those visitors now look to other areas of the state and to all the things we can offer.”

The state tourism industry, Hagen said, offers a wide diversity of attractions and amenities that has led to steady growth and drawn a new group of tourists.

The West River region benefits from Mount Rushmore National Monument, Badlands National Park, Custer State Park and the pines and parks within



Cheryl Okeson, 65, and husband Mark Okeson, 64, relaxed while camping on Aug. 12, 2024, on the shores of Lake Kampeska at Stokes-Thomas Lake City Park near Watertown, S.D. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)

the Black Hills, as well as seminal events like the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the Buffalo Roundup and the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo. And, of course, Wall Drug.

The Missouri River and Glacial Lakes and Prairie regions are attractive to pheasant hunters, walleye anglers, campers, history buffs and fans of author Laura Ingalls Wilder.

New allure of Sioux Falls But the Southeast tourism market is evolving quickly, Schmidt said, and developing into a destination for foodies, shoppers and people who come for a steady line-up of cultural, sporting and musical events.

“Events are what draw people because it’s something new all the time,” she said. “So if you look at the calendar of Sioux Falls for the year, we are an event-driven city, everything from a concert at the Denny Sanford Premier Center to SculptureWalk to a softball tournament or a soccer tournament, to a car show. ... We have one event after another in Sioux Falls, especially in the summer, and that’s when we draw the most visitors.”

The ability to experience urban amenities in a vibrant, growing city is part of why Iowan Cali Jermier visited Sioux Falls in early August. Jermier, who hails from a Des Moines suburb, was at Falls Park with her son, Bryce Jermier, who has since moved to Sioux Falls. And while they have visited South Dakota before, some-

times to hunt pheasants, Cali Jermier said she likes how the city has grown but still maintained a freshness and friendliness.

“Sioux Falls has just enough of everything, but not the craziness of a big, big city,” she said. “We like to have a little bit of the city and then you can go nearby to get the quiet.”

Cali Jermier said she also appreciates that Sioux Falls is clean, pet-friendly and retains a strong sense of Western culture and history.

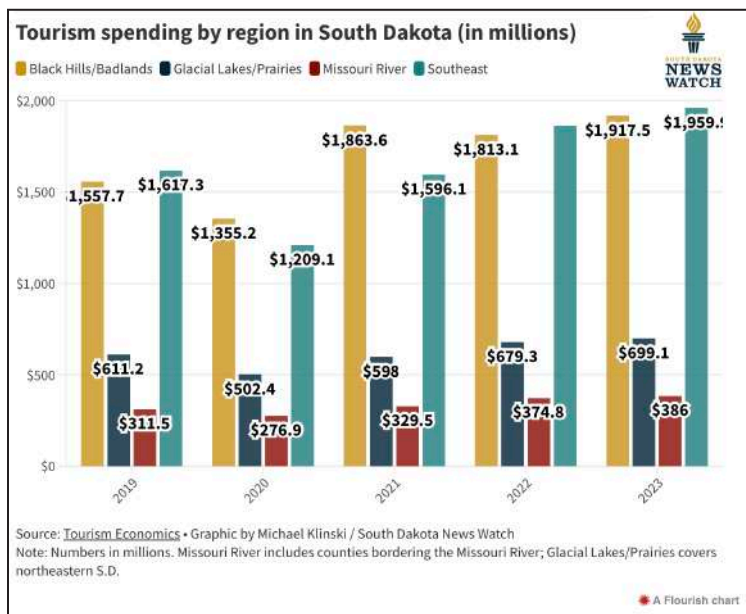
“It seems really really clean in Sioux Falls, like they’re cleaning it up and renewing it but also restoring some of the history,” she said. “The aesthetics still feel like the Old West a little bit.”

While the Black Hills remain a top destination for “leisure travelers” who spend time in their cars, Sioux Falls visitors may have a more condensed travel schedule and a willingness to spend more money in a shorter period of time, Schmidt said.

While still anchored by the sprawling beauty of Falls Park, the economic growth of downtown Sioux Falls has also attracted new visitors who might be willing to spend more to obtain the experiences they seek, she said.

“I think the vibe over here is a vibe of energy. Kind of like, ‘We got it going on over here, as far as the arts and the culture and the sports and the food and the shopping,’” Schmidt said.

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Cali Jermier, tourist from Iowa who visited Sioux Falls





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New technology leads to new markets

Hagen said technology has played a key role in advancing marketing efforts by Travel South Dakota, the state's lead tourism agency. More than half of the department's \$23 million annual budget is spent on marketing, Hagen said.

Tourism marketers can now obtain information that greatly enhances their ability to locate and target people who have the time, money and desire to travel, Hagen said.

Those advancements, coupled with the reduced price of digital marketing, have enabled the state to still present itself as a drivable destination to people in neighboring states. But now, the state is trying to reach potential visitors in cities like Chicago, Kansas City and Dallas-Fort Worth. The state has also begun marketing in coastal states, including California, Florida and the Carolinas, Hagen said.

"The record growth at our airports in Sioux Falls and Rapid City has been phenomenal, and we're seeing more people flying into the state for tourism," he said.



The outdoor majesty and abundant wildlife in the Black Hills region, including these mountain goats found wandering in Spearfish Canyon in October 2022, offer a more leisurely approach to tourism than in the more urbane Southeast. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)

A bit flat, but still strong so far in 2024

Hagen said he expects 2024 will pan out as a year with relatively flat visitor counts but slightly higher revenues due to what he terms as "a return to normal." Hagen said South Dakota saw very strong tourism activity during and since the pandemic, a time when the state and its business community remained mostly open while other states took a more conservative approach to the virus that limit-

ed tourism opportunities.

Now, he said, other states are fully open again, which has somewhat diluted the pool of potential visitors to South Dakota.

Hagen and other tourism experts said they have seen generally reduced visitor counts in 2024 and slightly shorter stays but overall higher spending. From January to June, for instance, hotel occupancy was down slightly across the state, but revenues were up almost

6% over the same period in 2023.

One new trend is that occupancy in short-term rental properties skyrocketed during the first half of 2024, up almost 16% in the Black Hills and Badlands and 12% in the Sioux Falls market.

Hagen said the industry welcomes those renters and their money. He also said the move toward higher use of Airbnb and Vrbo rental properties has forced some hotels to improve

their facilities or offer new amenities in order to compete.

Strong fall tourism season anticipated

Hagen, Schmidt and Thomson all said they look forward to a very strong fall "shoulder" tourism season in South Dakota.

History has shown that tourism can drop during presidential election years, often due to uncertainty over the national economy and its impact on family finances.

But Thomson said she remains bullish for the coming months as surveys have shown that Americans are still excited about exploring new places.

"Traveler sentiment is pretty high right now, and people are still optimistic about travel," she said. "We're certainly looking at a great fall. And as long as the weather holds out, there are so many great events and things coming up because fall is such a fantastic time to visit the Black Hills or Badlands."

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A couple walks the historic Meridian Bridge on Oct. 15, 2022, which straddles the Missouri River and draws visitors to Yankton, S.D. (Photo: Carson Walker / South Dakota News Watch)



The Glacial Lakes & Prairies region, home to several Laura Ingalls Wilder attractions in DeSmet, S.D., shown here on April 25, 2024, saw \$699 million in tourism revenue in 2023, an increase of 3% over 2022. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)

VIEWPOINT | Paperwork can be gateway, not barrier

Guest column by Cathy Mueller, Mapping Your Future

From the www.thedakotascout.com Money is often cited as the barrier keeping people from pursuing college and career dreams.

That's not too surprising considering rising tuition and other costs, and yet there is a way that many are breaking down that barrier by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

A State of Higher Education report, published a few months ago by Lumina Foundation and Gallup, reported that "the price tag of a degree remains the predominant barrier for unenrolled adults of all ages, genders, races, and ethnicities."

On the other hand, research by the National College Attainment Network has shown that high school seniors who



Cathy Mueller

complete the FAFSA are 84 percent more likely to enroll in post-secondary education. No doubt, some of these seniors were concerned about the cost of an education before applying for financial aid. But likely what they saw after completing the FAFSA was that an education could be affordable.

When a prospective student

completes the FAFSA, they are not only applying for federal aid. Even though the FAFSA has "federal" in its name, information on the form is also used by state governments for awarding state aid programs and by colleges, schools and universities for their institutional aid programs. In addition, some private foundations use FAFSA information to award scholarships.

For many students, who couldn't otherwise afford the cost of an education, the FAFSA makes it possible.

If you or your student have not completed the FAFSA, here are some reasons why you should:

Expand your options. The FAFSA opens up educational opportunities without requiring a commitment. Even if you aren't sure yet what you want to pursue, knowing what funds you could receive for your education gives you an understanding of all the options available to you.

Avoid missing out on free money for your education. Find out if you qualify for need-based federal financial aid. Completing the FAFSA will determine your eligibility for need-based aid, including Federal Pell Grants and state or institutional programs. By not completing the FAFSA, you may be leaving money on the table.

Meet basic eligibility requirements for federal student loans. The FAFSA is the first step in securing federal student loans. Although you should seek grants and scholarships first, complete the FAFSA in case you need to borrow money for your education.

Qualify for other types of financial aid. Besides federal aid, the FAFSA is a basic requirement for many types of

financial aid, including state programs, school or college funding, and even some private foundation scholarships.

Save time and money. Completing the FAFSA online is fast and easy. Don't let challenges with the form delay your pursuit of an education, which could cost you more time and money in the long run. If you need help with the FAFSA, contact Mapping Your Future.

Because financial aid could be critical to you or your student's success, it's important to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible and start planning your future.

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# VIEWPOINT | The jobs aren't all right

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The government, for the past year, has overstated joblessness by 818,000 jobs. That revision comes on top of the monthly revisions already made. It is probably not a conspiracy to help Joe Biden and Kamala Harris look good or they would have waited until after the election, not before early voting, to announce the revision. But it is troubling that the government data was off by so much and equally as troubling that politicians and the press together have lectured Americans that the public did not know what they knew.

Last week, former CNN host Don Lemon went to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to interview people on the boardwalk about the election. One man said he made more money under Donald Trump. Lemon proceeded to tell the man he was wrong because "the data" show Americans are doing better now. Lemon behaved like much of the press and so many Democratic politicians.

If you tell the press you are worse off now than you were four years ago, the press claim you have been spun into believing lies. But the lie was that the economy and job creation were far better than they were. Americans knew. The experts got it wrong and the press enforced groupthink by the expert class. Where once an American's lived experience had to be accurately captured by the press, when that experience conflicts with the popular narrative, the narrative must prevail over the truth.

The narrative, these days,

favors whatever it will take to keep Donald Trump out of office. The narrative is we have won the fight against inflation as a nation. Never mind that salaries are only starting to grow again and prices are still increasing, just not as fast. A 3 percent increase after a 30 percent increase is not much of a victory for working Americans. It is everything to the Democrat elite and press.

The pattern is consistent. Americans should not believe their eyes or experience. They should believe what they are told. Only when everyone collectively sees the same thing at the same time does it become too inconvenient for the press and politicians to keep lying. Everyone seeing Biden onstage at the CNN debate was just much too much. He had to be discarded. But pay no attention to the same people tossing Biden overboard begging Biden, only a year ago, to replace Harris because of her weaknesses as a candidate. This week, Americans are being told the "vibe" has shifted to Harris and the Democrats are back.

We are, at best, back to polling in February that had a tied race and key swing states leaning to the Republicans. Pay no attention to Donald Trump historically outperforming his polling by a few percentage points. Pay attention only to the shift to Harris. Pay no attention to Tim Walz's lies about his family's use of IVF, his military record, the arrest rates in Minneapolis after the 2020 riots or how long he kept kids out of Minnesota schools. But pay extreme attention to JD Vance going to Yale, just not to how he got there or



from whence he came.

The elite and press are beclowning themselves. The Bureau of Labor Statistics performs an annual audit of data in August every year looking back over the prior year's data to make sure its numbers are accurate. Financial institutions have known for some time the numbers would come back and be revised downward substantially after month over month annual revisions downward. Still, the government's revision was the largest revision in the data since 2009.

Reporters lecturing Americans on how well off they are even if they do not feel like it should probably pause a bit and reflect. They will not, of course. They never do. Meanwhile, Republicans have yet another issue that they can put forward to the public. The economy has not been firing on all cylinders. Fewer jobs were created than claimed. And Harris' first day on the job was 3 1/2 years ago. The message matters. The "vibe" may favor the Democrats. The data favors Republicans. But Republicans must press their advantage.

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John Newby

chy to community development and prioritizing local economic growth, cities can create a sustainable path to self-actualization. The data clearly shows that investing in local businesses and quality of life initiatives yields significant economic and social returns. As communities face increasing challenges from e-commerce and retail consolidation, focusing on hyper-local economic development is not just beneficial—it's essential for

long-term survival and prosperity.

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# VIEWPOINT | The jobs aren't all right

Guest column by Frank Cullen, Council for Innovation Promotion

A little-known federal agency might be our most powerful asset in the race for global tech leadership. The International Trade Commission (ITC) has the power to deter patent infringement abroad and at home by blocking infringers' access to the huge American market.

It's up to policymakers to make sure this asset gets deployed to the full extent of the law.

Here's the problem: In today's knowledge economy, ideas are the coin of the realm. But America's intellectual property is under constant attack.

That's because a 2006 Supreme Court decision, *eBay v. MercExchange*, severely curtailed the rights of IP owners. Previously, patent holders could easily stop infringers with court orders, called injunctions, preventing the sale of knock-off products that illegally incorporated patented technology.

But the *eBay* case changed the procedure for obtaining a court injunction.

Patent holders now must prove that money alone can't make them whole for the damage the infringement caused. Though intended to curb certain types of abuse of injunctive authority, the decision unintentionally made it nearly impossible for legitimate innovators to stop infringement, often leaving them with the sole option of pursuing lengthy legal battles for financial compensation.

Enter the ITC. This body wields the power to swiftly bar infringing foreign-manufactured products from the U.S. market entirely. For a government body, the ITC moves fast, typically resolving cases in 12 to 18 months, compared to the years-long slog of district court litigation.

Its administrative law judges are experts in complex patent issues and can grant exclusion orders now mostly unavailable in federal courts.

This combination of speed, expertise, and decisive action makes the ITC an increasingly important venue for companies seeking to protect their innovations from copycats.

Established in 1916 as the U.S. Tariff Commission, the ITC has evolved alongside the American economy as we transitioned from a manufacturing powerhouse to an innovation-driven economy.

This evolved role was on full display in a recent high-profile case. When medical device maker Masimo accused the Apple Watch of infringing



Frank Cullen

its blood oxygen monitoring patents, it turned to the ITC. The result? An import ban on infringing Apple Watch models that held Apple to account promptly. The ban demonstrates the ITC's ability to check the power of even one of the world's most dominant companies.

The ITC's role is crucial to preserving America's innovative edge.

When a biotech startup pours its resources into a potentially life-saving drug, or when a telecom company invests billions in 5G technology, they need to know their intellectual property will be protected. The ITC's ability to swiftly block infringing products creates a powerful deterrent against IP theft.

Critics of the ITC argue that its powers could potentially be used to stifle competition or harm consumers. But while there's always a delicate balance between protecting innovation and protectionism, the ITC has built-in safeguards, starting with a public-interest requirement to weigh factors like health, safety, and competitive conditions into its decisions.

It's not a blunt instrument, but a precision tool designed to protect innovation while preserving fair competition.

As we look to the future, strengthening and modernizing the ITC should be a priority. This could involve increasing its resources to handle a growing caseload, streamlining its procedures, and potentially expanding its authority.

We also need to educate our innovators more fully about the ITC as a forum for IP protection.

The future of American technological leadership depends on the choices we are making now -- in policy, investment, and legal strategy.

Frank Cullen is executive director of the Council for Innovation Promotion. This column originally ran in *The Hill*.

# SCOUTING REPORT | Dinosaur Park rejuvenated

Jonathan Ellis

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From Rapid City comes word that Dinosaur Park, one of the state's early tourist attractions, is once again fully operational.

The city celebrated a two-year rehabilitation with a ribbon cutting this month on the \$3.6 million project. Part of the renovation included upgrades to the park's pedestrian pathways in order to make them more accessible to people who have mobility problems. Site interpretations were upgraded, along with viewing areas and safety systems.

"Dinosaur Park is one of the special attractions that make Rapid City so cool," Mayor Jason Salamun posted on X.

"I was honored to help celebrate the grand reopening and welcome folks of all abilities to enjoy this local landmark for generations to come."

The park has a history of ups and downs. While work on Mount Rushmore was under way in the 1930s, Rapid City boosters presented the concept of Dinosaur Park to highlight the area's rich history of dinosaur artifacts. The idea received funding under the Depression Era's Works Progress Administration, put in place to fund various projects across the country as a means to employ otherwise out-of-work people.

A private concessioner was awarded the contract to run the park under the condition it be maintained for public use. But

in 1967, the city took control because the park had deteriorated, needing repairs to steps, restrooms, parking lot and landscaping.

The federal government and state allocated \$18,000 to install retaining walls, terraces and a new concession building, and Dinosaur Park officially became a city park.

A new concession shop opened in 1969. In 1977, five brass exhibit plaques were stolen. They wouldn't be replaced until 1984 through an Eagle Scout project.

The park celebrated its 75th birthday on June 1, 2012, the same year repairs to the concession stand, which had been damaged by fire, were



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# Cheerleaders Hold Last Fundraiser for Macy's Day Parade Trip

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BELLE FOURCHE—After a hectic two months of fundraising for a trip to New York City to participate in the Macy's Day Parade, the Cheerleaders efforts have come to an end as the deadline to reserve their spots has arrived.

The Cheerleaders found out on July 7 that they had been picked to be in the Macy's Day Parade "We had from July 7 to September 1 to raise the money," said Carie Merjil, cheer mom (Lucila) and trip chaperone.

"We have reached our goal to pay for everybody's admission. I think everybody has a little bit left as far as their flights are concerned, but the packages have all been paid for," said

Merjil.

The cost of the trip per person is \$2825 for a four person hotel room.

There will be seven cheerleaders and six chaperones going on the trip to the Big Apple. "\$30,000 was the goal," said Merjil.

The final event to raise money was Cheer for Bingo held at the Branding Iron Steakhouse and Saloon. It was a packed house as community members came out to support the final push.

Eight rounds of bingo were offered for \$1 a card. Straight line, wild seven and blackout bingo were some of the games held throughout the night.

The Cheerleaders sold cards between each round and winners received one half of the

total cards sold each round. The other half went to the cheer team.

Several winners were generous enough to donate their winnings back to the cheerleaders. There was also a silent auction and platters of nachos to snack on. "We made about \$2,000 on the bingo and the silent auction," said Merjil.

The Branding Iron also donated \$150 to the cause.

"The fact that the community has come together in order to make such a wonderful event happen is truly beautiful," said Cheerleader Hunter Brown.

The team was on a mission to make money, holding some type of fundraising event several times a week in the last two months of summer. "We did one to two fundraisers, even sometimes three a week," said Merjil. "We had one on the 5th, the 6th, the 8th, the 10th, and the 11th of August."

The team held three big events to lure in different types of donors. They held a car wash, a dart tournament at the Cowboy Back Bar and the Cheer for Bingo at the Branding Iron. Cheerleader Julie Swanson explained "it's been a lot of work, but the bake sales have been fun, selling stuff within our community and getting everyone involved to help us raise money to go to New York has been fun."

Merjil said that the business community has been amazing in helping the kids get to Macy's Day Parade. "We've had 15 to 20 sponsors from local businesses ranging from anywhere from \$100 to \$500.

And if they couldn't sponsor and give money, then a lot of them gave us silent auction baskets or items to silent auction." Most people were happy to help out, "Not very many people said no. The town really rallied around us!"

Merjil said they couldn't have done this without so much community support, "Just really thank the community. Last night, the mayor was there. He really kind of helped us anytime we've asked, he said yes, so we couldn't be more proud to have Randy as our mayor."

Cheer mom (Hunter), Krystel Cazer addressed the crowd at Bingo to let them know how grateful everyone is to the community.

"We have a wonderful community and I'd just like to thank you all," she said. She expressed her excitement at the anticipation of watching the Cheerleaders in the Macy's Day Parade, "I can't wait to see the kids in the parade!"



Cheerleaders **Lucila Merjil** and **Aubry Wilbur** sell Bingo cards to participants before the next round begins. *Longbrake photo*



Cheerleaders **Julie Swanson** and **Hunter Brown** are busy raising money for their trip to the **Macy's Day Parade**. *Longbrake photo*



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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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  - 31 Antelope
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# ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "O" = "E"

"G MOGDZOT GPPODMU OMOTACMI; ZO DGA AONOT MOXX RZOTO ZCU CAPXQOADO UMBEU."

— ZOATI V. GHGLU

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt." — Shakespeare

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	8 Cheeseburger Deluxe Roasted Reds Zucchini Fries	9 Pork Loin Dressing Sweet Potato Green Beans	10 Baked Chicken Wild Rice Roasted Carrots	11 Pork Chops with creamy mustard noodles Broccoli Deviled eggs	12 Swiss Steak Mashed Potato Mixed Veggies	13 Cold Turkey Sandwich Chips Veggie Bars	14 Chicken Fritters with Honey Mustard Sauce Tator Tots Baked Beans
	15 Baked Ham Sweet Potatoes Broccoli	16 Chicken Fajitas on tortillas Black Beans	17 Ham and Cheese Deluxe on a Bun White Rice Veggie Medley	18 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Green Beans	19 Fried Chicken Potato Salad 3 Bean Salad	20 Spaghetti and Meatballs Cheesy Bread Sticks Mixed Veggies	21 Tuna or Chicken Salad on a Croissant Broccoli Pasta Salad Rice Pudding
	22 Pulled Pork on a Bun Tator Tots Mixed Veggies	23 Chicken Rice Pilaf Roasted Carrots	24 Beef Tips and Gravy Mashed Potato Creamed Spinach	25 Chicken Alfredo Parsley Noodles Green Beans	26 Liver & Onions OR Deluxe Cheese Burger Roasted Potatoes Veggie Medley	27 Pork Loin White Rice Broccoli	28 Ham Salad Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Garden Salad
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# The Valley Irrigator

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## Labor Day Crowds Enjoy the Weekend

Betty Bruner  
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NEWELL-The town was full with big kids, little kids, grownups, and lots of company on Labor Day Monday.

The day began with a parade that had motorcycles, the community band, cars, horses, horse (and cattle) drawn wagons, and a host of floats.

Following the parade, kids of all ages raced to a finish line at the South Park. Families enjoyed the park with picnics and conversation.

Lunch was served at the NVN Center and folks enjoyed the museum and quilt show.

Queens were crowned before the rodeo. Horses and cattle were let loose to entertain the crowds gathered as cowboys and cowgirls used their skills to win the prize.

There was something for everyone during the big Labor Day Weekend in Newell. It has been a tradition for many years and always brings families and friends together at least once a year.

Plans are being made for next year-be ready to have a great time!

## Jumpin' to Gain Just One More Inch



Joe Crockford pushed a little bit harder to gain another inch or two at the tractor pull in Newell. He was among 55 entrants this year, 10 more than last year, according to Jessica Gatzke. The tractor pull is a hit every year.

Photo By Betty Bruner

## Take a Look at What Happened in Newell on Labor Day Weekend



Far Upper Left: Annitta Stolnack represented the Museum Board selling raffle tickets.

Far Left: One of the quilts at the Quilt Show held at the City Hall.

Upper Left: Lots of smoke was seen at the tractor pull on Sunday.

Left: Many folks enjoyed the Newell Museum. There's a lot of history of the area there.

Above: Flags flew during the tractor pull. Photos by Betty Bruner



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## Grand River Roundup



### Betty Olson

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The weather cooled off a little this week and we got just a hair over a tenth of inch of rain on Monday, but the wind sure blew hard on Wednesday and Thursday.

Reub was spraying weeds in the sheep pasture on Monday until it started to rain. Monday was Casey and Missy's wedding anniversary and they celebrated by taking Pastor Dana Coyle to the airport in Rapid City that morning so he could fly home to Minnesota. They visited their daughter Bryce, Baxton and little Argus Hesper before coming home that evening. Taz spent the day in Buffalo helping Sam Olson get things ready for the Labor Day celebration next weekend.

The South Dakota Supreme Court ruled on August 21 that

Summit Carbon Solutions is not a common carrier nor is it transporting a commodity in Summit's plan to dig a pipeline through South Dakota to bury CO2 up in North Dakota using eminent domain to force landowners to sign easements for pipeline development. Property owners in South Dakota won a battle, but we still have to fight to win the war by voting NO on referred law 21 to stop SB201 on November 5th. I got a bunch of "Vote No on referred law 21" yard signs from Caleb Wiechmann and took several of them to Buffalo and Reva on Tuesday for people who are against SB201 to put up in their yards to vote it down. Be sure and vote against it in November to save your property rights.

I stopped in Reva to pick up Copper and Knox off the school bus on the way home that afternoon and Trig and a bunch

of his friends from college came to Casey and Missy's that afternoon.

Reub and I went to Hettiger Wednesday afternoon. We picked up more weed spray at Reeder and had coffee with the Prairie Pioneers in Reeder on the way home. Trig's fiancée Dakota Windsor was here to visit with Trig and his friends when we got home and it was nice to see her.

There were more deaths to report this week: Edward Bisetti, age 84, passed away on Tuesday, August 20, at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He married Jeanine Thybo up here years ago at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church east of Reva and they have two sons. We haven't heard any funeral arrangements yet.

Richard Carlson, age 78 of Nisland, died Friday, August 23, at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche. A Celebration of Life Service took place Thursday, August 29, at the Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche.

Todd McInerney, 60, of Sundance, Wyoming passed away due to complications from a severe traumatic brain injury on Tuesday, August 20, in Aurora, Colorado. The funeral services for Todd were Thursday, August 29, at the Sundance High School.

year that my late friend Chuck Turberville gave me when we were in the legislature together. Chuck sat behind me in the House and when voted we had two buttons to push, the green one for yes and the red one to vote no. If the vote was for government control or to increase spending, I always poked the red button. It wasn't long before Chuck started calling me Red and he gave me a blue t-shirt that had on the front "Tell me what you need and I'll tell you how to get along without it" which was the t-shirt that Josh wrote about. If I try to remember to wear it next year!

After the Fly-In that morning, I went to Jack Vetter's funeral in Bison. Jack's older sister Evelyn John was a very good friend and classmate of mine while we were growing up in Bison and she married my cousin Pat John. Pat has passed away, but Evelyn still lives in Florida and it was so great to get to see her again after so many years.

Sunday, September 8th is the first day of Sunday School at Slim Buttes Lutheran. Sunday School will start at 9:45am and church will start at 11:00 and there will be a potluck dinner following the church service on the 8th.

I'll leave you with this: Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.

## Then and Now in Newell

### "Looking Forward to our Past"

#### September 3, 1914

Ora L. Flash was arrested last week by Deputy State Game Warden, P. L. Eidholm, on the Spearfish Road near the Halfway House, charged with killing a turtle dove. He was brought before Judge Ackerman, who imposed a fine of \$20 or 10 days in the County jail.

Mrs. Harry Evans was thrown from her buggy while crossing an irrigation ditch and the rear wheel ran across her shoulder. She was badly shaken up, but no bones were broken. Messrs. J. C. Milne and M. L. Perry and their wives were guests at the Evans' home to view the Dilla's damages.

Through the "wireless grapevine" came word to the

and Sulphur teams for a \$100 purse. Both teams will probably have imported pitchers, and it promises to be a contest worth going miles to see.

Sturgis was the Mecca last Saturday for members of the Ku Klux Klan and thousands of other people who came to satisfy their curiosity. It was advertised as an "open meeting" and certainly proved a drawing card. Those attending the Klan meeting from Vale and vicinity, report an interesting evening, to say the least.

A State truck loaded with 7,500 pounds of wire fencing broke through the planking of the Horse Creek Bridge last Saturday. No serious damage was done except to the driv-

#### by Linda Velder

Corner Store. Also, he has tame plums for sale, any quantity.

Mrs. L. E. Baker and daughter Mildred, of Missouri, took charge of the Newell Hospital on September 1, taking the place left vacant when Miss Nina Carlson decided to take a year's leave of absence. Mrs. Baker has had practical experience as a Nurse at Rochester, Minn. Miss Baker will intern as her assistant.

Considerable buildings are under construction in and about Vale this fall. Clark's new Hardware Store has made a big advancement in the past week, and the homes of J. Williams and J. O. Norton are nearing completion. S. C. Godfrey is making plans for a new home and George Seitz has his 7-room house under construction.

#### August 31, 1944

Helen Timm, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Timm, returned to her home the first of the week after having been employed at the Ragner Boe home for several weeks. Fred Timm moved his house into Newell from the South Hilan vicinity, last week. The Timms and children will reside there in the near future.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Prophy, Steve Collins and Gerald Post were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Martin and Charles Wilson. Brophy and Collins, the experienced wool graders who finished their work at the Hafner Wool Warehouse last weekend, departed Monday via Norfolk, Nebraska, for their homes in Milwaukee, Wisc. Mrs. Brophy was here with her husband, and they made many friends during their stay in Newell.

Jack Bober, Kenneth Berg, Neil Martin, Gearld Post and Burton Fogelberg went to the Bober cabin near Spearfish Tuesday to spend the rest of week. Bober, Berg and Martin are resting up from a strenuous season's work at the Hafner Warehouse.

Sgt Norman Bunney, son of Mr. & Mrs. Eli Bunney of Aladdin, Wyoming and cousin of Fred Bunney of Newell, is reported missing in action. He was a gunner on a US bomber based in England.

#### September 2, 1954

Newell will soon have another new business according to Don Moore, Newell mechanic, who has leased the quarters in the rear of the Lyons Transfer building for an auto body shop. Moore is setting up a complete body shop with a washed air paint room. He will also do general auto repairing. Moore has been employed as a mechanic and body man at the S & L Service for a number of years

#### September 6, 1934

A deal was completed last week whereby the O. Christopherson Company becomes the sole owner of the former M. E. Hafner Elevator, which previously had been operated by Mr. Christopherson under a lease arrangement.

The new crop of Dr. Clark's sweet clover honey, 55 cents for 5-pound pail, is ready and can be purchased at the



The KKK was very active in the Vale and Horse Creek vicinity during the 1920's. Folks were frightened of the organization and would lock their children in at night for fear the Klan would "steal" the children. Sheriff Frank Doud recognized the leader the night they tore-up the town of Vale, by the fancy boots and beautiful stallion. Newell Museum

effect there are great catfish to be caught in Orman Lake. Several sports men have tested the information, but up to date the results are not all that could be desired. The catfish may be there, but for some unexplained reason, they persist in staying there, to the disgust of anglers. However, there are other things in the vicinity of the lake, to the effects that there is a perfectly good bed of quicksand located conveniently for autos. Perhaps A. L. Kinney and Bob Bruner could give more information on the subject. They didn't catch any catfish, but they did locate that bed of quicksand, and they required many hours of toil to bid a fond farewell.

#### August 28, 1924

The Legion Post has completed arrangements for the Labor Day Celebration in Newell next Monday. The many attractions provided are sure to draw the greatest crowd that has been assembled in Newell for several years. The Rapid city Band has been engaged for the occasion, a most novel program for races and contests, but the most interest is being aroused over the baseball contest between Vale

er's nerves. The old wreck of a bridge is a menace to all travelers. The accident may have an influence in hurrying up the work of building a new crossing.

Mrs. Chas. L. Lott was the victim of a rather peculiar accident at her home, which nearly resulted in her death, by electrocution. She was operating an electric vacuum cleaner on the rugs and when she happened to touch the steel furnace register, a short circuit was formed and Mrs. Lott received a terrific shock, rendering her unconscious. It required some time to revive the stricken woman, but she was finally restored to consciousness and will be none the worse for her experience.

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A large crowd attended the "housewarming" dance put on by Jerry Goeringer at his large new granary east of Castle Rock Saturday night, with everyone reporting having had a fun time. Music, which was well worthy of all the complements extended, was furnished by Charles Benson; George Erk; Willis Howard; Francis Jacobsen; Roderick Carrieres and Harold Falk.

Civilian Forde started work as a serviceman at Shipley's Service this week, succeeding Darwin

Anderson, who has resigned his position there to seek other employment. Mr. & Mrs. Forde have moved from the William Smeenk farm, where he had been employed for some time, to the C. J. Schroeder house just southeast of town which was vacated by the Frank Miles family.

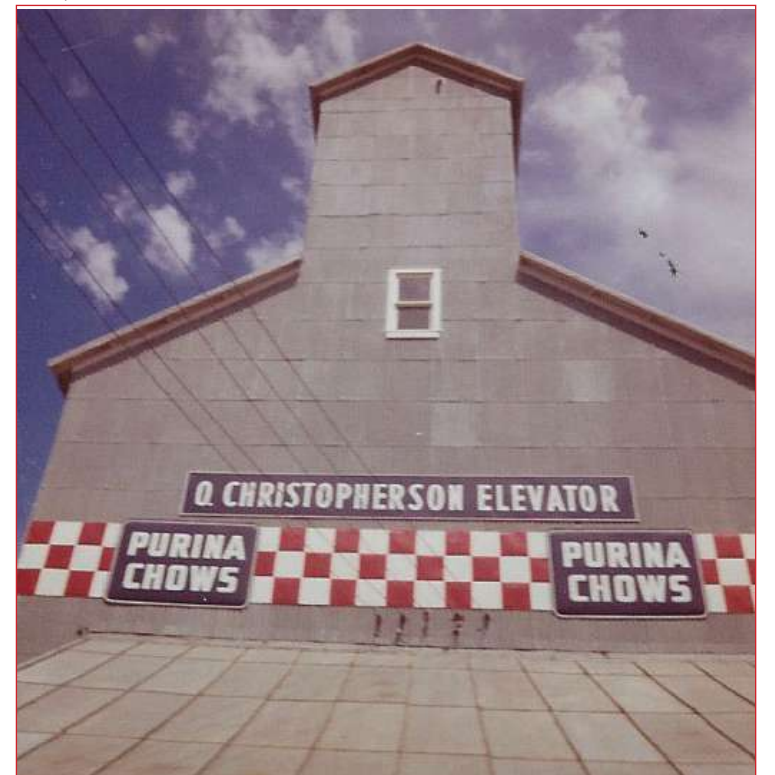
#### August 27, 1964

Mr. & Mrs. George Breidenbach arrived in Newell Thursday from Elkton to visit their maternal and paternal parents, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Jacobsen and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Breidenbach, before leaving for Army duties in Virginia. A potluck dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Breidenbach; in attendance were Mr. &

Mrs. Alfred Burke; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Jacobsen and family; Mr. & Mrs. Francis Jacobsen and family; Herman Pargas and special guests George and Pat Breidenbach.

It was decided Tuesday night that the Newell City Mixed League would bowl the first half in Belle Fourche and then move to Newell upon completion of the new alleys here. It was noted that there will possibly be 10 teams on the roster instead of 8 as previously registered. There will be another meeting following the first night of bowling which will be September 11, starting at 7:15 PM.

The Department of Highways made a colorful announcement; Phil Schultz, bridge engineer, said the department plans to paint Interstate overpass bridges in various pastel hues. Why? Primarily because it will be prettier than the aluminum paint now being used, but also because it will help relieve some of the monotony of driving on the Interstate. Present plans are to use 6 colors: pink; green; blue; yellow; lavender and orange. Michigan was the first to adopt color for Interstate separations, a move that has been followed by several other states. If the response is favorably, other bridges may also be given the color treatment, Schultz said.



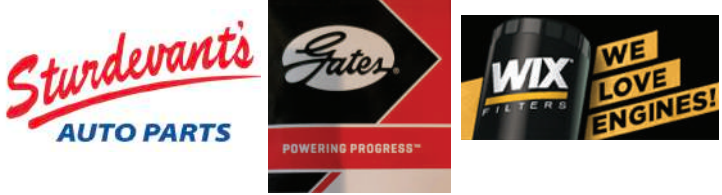
O. Christopher Elevator operated that name from 1934 to 1975. The building has changed hands several times, but now stands abandoned and in dis-repair. Newell Museum

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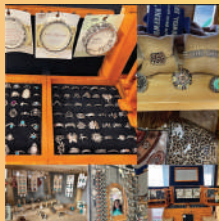
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## Gator Volleyball Season Kicks Off

Ryder Heitz  
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NEWELL—The Newell Lady Irrigators officially started their 2024 volleyball season on Tuesday, August 27 with a home game against Lead-Deadwood. The game started at 6 pm with the C and JV teams playing games before the varsity team took the court. This game was intense and very close; in fact, the game ended with a tie-breaker match.

The Irrigators won the first match with a staggering 25-16 score. The Diggers took the next match, which also ended in a 25-16 score favoring Lead-Deadwood. By the third match, the crowd was on their feet cheering on Newell, who ultimately inched out a win with a score of 25-23. And the fourth match was very close

again, with the final score for that round being 25-19 in favor of the Diggers.

Since the winner of a game is determined by best 3 out of 5, the game ended in a tie-breaker match where the first team to score 15 points ultimately wins the game. The Irrigators started off the game with a stomp, making the scoreboard 7-0 before turning over the ball. Unfortunately, the Diggers went on a similar run and the score was up to 9-9 before the Gators got the ball back. In the end, Lead-Deadwood won the game, with a score of 15-10.

Even though the game ended in a loss, the game was an exciting start to the Irrigator volleyball season, with the team displaying coordination and athleticism. Keep an eye out for more exciting volleyball games this season.



Senior Hailey McCann, #2, sets up a hard-hitting serve. Heitz photo



The team gets pumped up before the game during starting lineups. Heitz photo



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26) Long Johns or Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Carrots, Fruit, Milk	27) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Spanish Rice, Corn, Fruit, Milk	28) Croissant Sandwich w/ Sausage/Egg/Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	29) Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Pizza Crunchers, Corn, Fruit, Milk	30) NO SCHOOL
September 2) Labor Day  NO SCHOOL	3) Oatmeal Muffin Squares, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Nuggets, Carrots, Fruit, Milk	4) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	5) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Turkey Pot Pie, Fruit, Milk	6) NO SCHOOL
9) Pancakes, Syrup, Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Chicken Nachos, Black Beans, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk	10) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, Carrots, French Fries, Fruit, Milk	11) Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Ham or Turkey Hoagies, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	12) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  Hamburger Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Milk	13) NO SCHOOL

Menu is subject to change!

Middle School and High School have access to fresh Salad Bar

Soup will be offered to the Middle School and High School Daily beginning Sept. 3 or after it cools down.

## Words of Wisdom from Dr. Pandi Pittman



LiveTicket is our newest investment to display activities and sporting events. LiveTicket equipment was purchased through the generosity of donors with the N-Club. The equipment purchase will allow the Newell School to work with students to display performances and produce the video. My first experience with

LiveTicket was during my tenure at Wessington Springs. LiveTicket started in Gregory and immediately grew with the neighboring school districts. A student at Wessington Springs took on the role of the technical administrator of the production for the school during his 8th grade year. By the time the young man was an upper-classman, he was working for LiveTicket and setting up the program with schools. Now he is a college student, working for a degree in Media Productions.

As I transferred to Wall School District, LiveTicket was a topic of discussion. In a short amount of time, the interest in watching programs grew. Now Newell School District is incorporating the opportunity within all activities. With LiveTicket,

schools can expand their fan base with live action while providing recorded viewing for later evaluation.

LiveTicket is free to all viewers! Activities can be viewed through <https://liveticket.tv/> and on YouTube by searching LiveTicket Newell Irrigators. Sponsorship is provided by advertising for local and regional businesses.

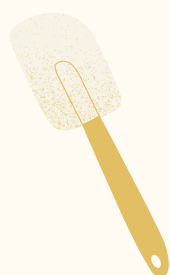
The goal of incorporating LiveTicket into Newell School District is to provide for fans that are unable to attend the live scene. Funding from LiveTicket will allow the Newell Booster Club to provide for the needs of our students, above and beyond the investment of the school district. We love all our fans and hope you enjoy our activities regularly!

# VALE COMMUNITY CLUB'S CRAFT FAIR

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2024

10AM - 3PM

VALE COMMUNITY HALL



**LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**  
11AM - 1PM

QUILTS & TOWELS / PLANT STANDS & BARN WOOD DECOR / PLUSHIES & CROCHET ITEMS / BAKED & CANNED GOODS / KITCHEN SUPPLIES / JEWELRY / ROPE WREATHS / SILK & FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS / HAND CRAFTED ITEMS / REPURPOSED FURNITURE & MORE!

# Corgi Races, Sheep Tee Peeing, and the Booster Club

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NEWELL-Saturday afternoon in Newell was full of fun! Among the events held at the Ranch Rodeo were the Sheep TeePeeing event, a corgi race, and concessions run by the

Newell Irrigator Booster Club. Only in Newell can you have sheep, horses, and corgi races all in the same afternoon! The Newell Irrigator Booster Club was on hand to make sure everyone was "fed and watered" with hot dogs, sandwiches, and homemade cookies.



Above: Ever try to get a sheep into a very small tent? It's not easy!

Center: And they're off with little legs churning up the sand! The Corgi race was a hit!

Below Right: Members of the Newell Irrigator Booster Club. Left to right Liz Oliver, Bianca Bierman, Lucille Ahart, Jessi Bachman, and Charll Bachman. Photos by Betty Bruner



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# Labor Day Rodeo Queens Crowned

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NEWELL—The Newell Labor Day Rodeo Queen contest and coronation took place Saturday, August 24 this year. After a morning of competition that included modeling, speeches, and horsemanship, the aspiring

queens met at the City Hall for a private supper with their families and the judges. At 6:30 pm, the City Hall was opened to the public and the winners were announced.

This year's Little Miss Newell Labor Day Rodeo Queen is Mesa Dell. The Junior

Miss Newell Labor Day Rodeo Queen is Morgan McGuckin. And the winner of Miss Newell Rodeo Labor Day Queen is Rachel Stranberg.

Prizes were also awarded to First Runner Up in each age division, Miss Congeniality, and horsemanship, appearance, and personality.



The newly crowned Labor Day royalty for 2024. Left to right: Rachel Stranberg, Morgan McGuckin, and Mesa Dell. Heitz photo

# Newell Fire Department Annual BBQ



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NEWELL-The Newell Fire Department held the Annual BBQ Saturday evening with an outstanding array of delicious food. The smell of smoked meat and laughter from area folks filled the air around the Newell Fire Hall.

There were attendees from the local area and across the state. One line of tables was filled with Fire Fighters Motorcycle Club from all over South Dakota.

Each year the local fire fighters spoil attendees with wonderful smoked meat, salads, chips, desserts, and refreshing drinks.

The weather was perfect to enjoy the festivities.

Above: The Fire Fighter Motorcycle members came to the Newell Fire Department Annual BBQ Saturday evening. They travel to give support to local volunteer fire departments and came from all over South Dakota. Betty Bruner photo

Right: There was a long line of people waiting to enjoy the delicious smoked meat and salads offered by the Newell Fire Department. Betty Bruner photo

