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Radio Needs for Law Enforcement

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BELLE FOURCHE—At the September 3 Butte County Commissioner meeting, Sheriff Fred Lamphere presented a request for radio updates for the Sheriff's Department and eventually for area fire departments. Currently the department uses an app that converts cell phones into a radio. In many areas of Butte County, the present radios do not work well and it is necessary to use cell phones.

New radios are especially needed by the rural fire departments, Lamphere pointed out. The new radios are available with cellular capabilities and can be purchased for \$1 with

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Broncs 1st home Football game of season



The **first home game for the Broncs**- getting stretched out as a team before the game starts as they host West Central at **Lou Graslie Field** was held Friday, September 6. The Broncs lost Friday's home non-conference game against powerhouse West Central (Hartford, SD) by a score of 56-15. *Blain Potter Photo* (more football on A5)

Northern Hills CASA Volunteer Training to Start Soon

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BELLE FOURCHE—Have you ever thought about being a child advocate?

Advocating for the rights of children placed in foster care, by no fault of their own. According to Amy Cermak, the Executive Director of Northern Hills CASA, "You can be a very powerful voice for children." Northern Hills CASA program is recruiting volunteers for exactly this purpose.

Training is scheduled to start September 23, 2024 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Spearfish Chamber of Commerce.

The Northern Hills Court Appointed Special Advocate (NHCASA) program started in 1986 over 38 years of building a large pool of qualified volunteers that keep children in need from waiting for a CASA volunteer to be assigned to them. "We are grateful for our active pool of volunteers, we are able to serve every single child who comes into the child welfare system when



Laura Moravek, CASA volunteer for two years and 2023 Spirit of CASA Award Recipient, shares her experiences with potential volunteers. *Longbrake photo*

they are removed from their home due to abuse and neglect," said Cermak.

CASA aims to protect abused

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School Resource Officer Provides a Layer of Protection

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BELLE FOURCHE—Keeping the schools safe is just one of the duties of the Belle Fourche School Districts School Resource Officer.

In his third year as the School Resource Officer (SRO) Stephen Schmeltzer explains, "I love my job. I wouldn't trade it for anything else."

Officer Schmeltzer covers all five schools that make up the school district.

He rotates through the various places throughout the day and tries to visit each school at least once a day. "I enjoy starting my day at South Park, just because getting high-fives from little kids, it's a great start to the day!"

The importance of SRO presence for safety, especially in light of school shootings, can't be

emphasized enough. "Because of the fact that there's school shootings fairly regularly, and it's an added layer of protection.

There's somebody at the

school or near the school to respond if the need arises, quicker than if it's just people on regular patrol," said Schmeltzer.

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School Resource Officer **Stephen Schmeltzer** works in all five of the schools in the district. His patrol vehicle is detailed specific to his position. *Longbrake photo*

Cowboys TOO! Offers Western Wear and More

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BELLE FOURCHE—For the past eight years, Cowboys TOO! has been offering fine western wear to the community of Belle Fourche.

The business is owned and operated by George Wilson and Michelle Evans.

The path of the business has been unique, Wilson started out working in a woman's wear boutique. "So the idea for me was, I don't want to work in the store where they had all women's stuff, and I asked, would you add some

men's things?

So that's how the name Cowboys TOO! came about," explained Wilson. "We have stuff for ladies and Cowboys TOO!" So the store granted his wishes and gave him his own area to sell mens clothes.

"I was in this little back section, which was about 500 square feet. I just outgrew it," said Wilson. When the buildings on State Street opened up, Wilson jumped at the chance to

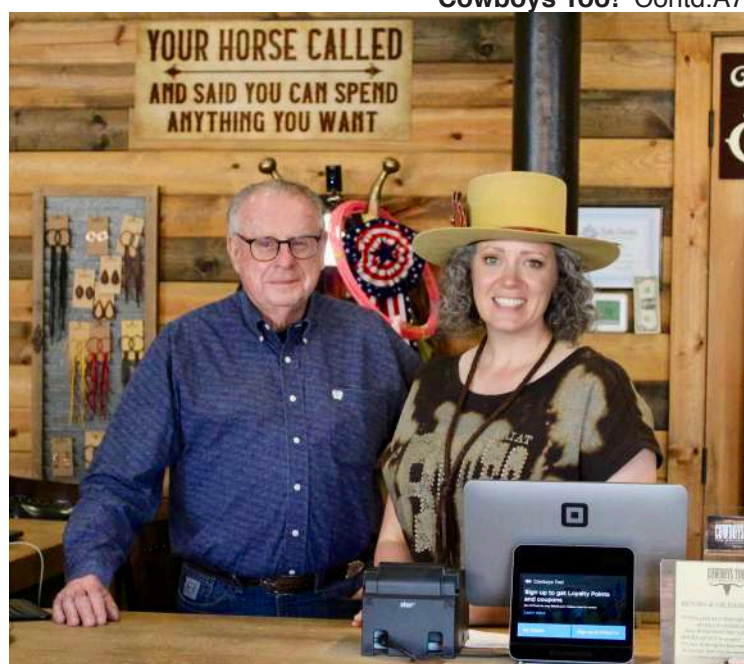
get them. "

When these buildings came for sale, I bought them and then basically gutted the whole thing and started from scratch," he said.

Wilson didn't buy an established business, he built his business from the ground up.

In an ever expanding empire, Wilson purchased the store next door and Evans and he are partners in that business too.

It's called **Pasque**, named **Cowboys Too!** Contd.A7



George Wilson and **Michelle Evans**, co-owners of **Cowboys TOO!** at 506 State Street welcome customers to their store. *Longbrake photo*

Belle Silver Lining BBQ Fundraiser Has Great Turnout

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BELLE FOURCHE—The line to get into the Belle Silver Lining BBQ Fundraiser spilled all the way out the door and onto the sidewalk at the event on September 6.

"It's going really well! I'm really excited, we never know how it's gonna turn out, especially the first time, but we're having a great turnout," said Rita Bollwitt, Board Vice President.

The first-time initiative was aimed at raising funds for building maintenance and programs. Mary Riley, Events Coordinator, explained that "It helps with maintenance of the buildings, programs, speakers, and operating expenses."

The BBQ offered hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, salads, drinks and dessert and those partaking in the feast were asked to donate what they could.

Belle Silver Lining is a Senior

Activity Center with a mission to celebrate, embrace and serve older adults for the betterment of our community.

They offer meals to seniors in the area.

"We provide meals everyday, seven days a week, and then we do home deliveries," said Bollwitt.

Meals are offered right at the senior center for those that can

Belle Silver Lining

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A long line of those waiting to get some delicious BBQ at the **Belle Silver Lining BBQ Fundraiser**. *Longbrake Photo*

Center of the Nation Concert Series

Five concerts, presented by professional artists, are being offered this season by the **Center of the Nation Concert Association**. For over 30 years the group has brought high quality entertainment to the stage of the Belle Fourche Rec Center.

Jared Freiburg and **the Vagabonds** open the season on Friday, October 4, at 7 pm. Piano maestro Freiburg and his trio will present memorable tunes from Sinatra to Elvis. Their genre covers country, jazz, blues and rock and roll.

Later shows will see the return of the **Doo Wah Riders**, Floyd Cramer style piano, recreation of the Beach Boys and an cappella ensemble. The shows are designed to be appealing to young and old and cover many styles of music.

Season tickets are \$50 for adults, \$120 for a family and \$25 for students. All Association members have tickets for sale, along with the Tri State Museum and the Chamber of Commerce.

Contacts for more information are Connie Husband, Mary Kennon or Mary Wendt.

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George Leach 85

George Leach, age 85 of Belle Fourche, died Monday, September 2, 2024 at the Monument Health Rapid City Hospital following a tragic automobile accident.

The funeral service will be held 11am Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the Belle Fourche Community Rec Center. Visitation will be held 5 to 7pm Tuesday at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Interment take place at Pine Slope Cemetery. Friends may leave written condolences and view the funeral service live online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

George Fredric Leach was born August 31, 1939 in Gordon, Nebraska. He was the son of Joe and Avis (Krouse) Leach. George grew up on the family farm near Gordon. He attended a one room country school there, and rode horse to school. George was a "Nebraska Sandhills Farm Boy", and spent his entire life in the farm/ag industry. On October 17, 1960, he was married to Lois McCoy and together they operated a dairy farm in Todd County Nebraska for many years. Later they moved to Fruitdale South Dakota where George had a Grade A dairy herd, beginning in 1972. George began working for Ranchers Farmers Coop in the early 1980's. Lois died in 1998. George was united in marriage to Linda Aarestad on September



13, 1999. Together they were blessed with 25 years of marriage. George also worked for Cenex Harvest States, Finkbeiner Feed and Seed, and recently CBH Co-op in Belle Fourche. George loved working there, and even though he was 85 years old, he never retired because of all the great people he worked with. George enjoyed all the many farms and ranchers, his co-workers, and many friends. George loved his family very much, and was a very special grandpa and great grandpa. He will be greatly missed.

George is survived by his loving wife, Linda of Belle Fourche; daughter, Kimberly (Lyle) Kinner of Elkton SD; son, Todd Leach of Gilbert AZ; 6 grandchildren, Amber (Danny) Alahakoon, April (Chris) Kinner-Splett, Kyle (Jezra) Kinner, Hope (Daniel) Klein, Collette (Ali) Sen, Rocky Leach; 10 great grandchildren, Dulanki, Ravith, Binaali, Roland, Maurice, Avra, Keni, Alayna, Pennak, and Archer. He is also survived by his sister, Peg (Rich) Loomis of Albuquerque New Mexico; and numerous nephews, nieces, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife; and brother, Sidney Leach.



Lloyd Curtis Boisjolie 71

Lloyd Curtis Boisjolie was born September 6th, 1952 in Fargo, North Dakota. He was the son of Lloyd Anton Boisjolie and Maxine Alvda Schatz. Lloyd spent his younger years in Casselton and Valley City, ND with his younger brother Bruce. Lloyd graduated from the Valley City High School in North Dakota and after high school he entered the U.S. Navy.

Lloyd worked in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and he also worked for Hiller Aviation where he was the Leadman. During this time, he met Laura Williams. They lived in the California area and together they had 3 sons Christopher, Curtis and Dustin. Lloyd was a proud father and very proud of all his boys.

Lloyd moved back to North Dakota and settled in Fargo, North Dakota where he worked as a shop foreman for Branick. He loved to work with his hands and he loved hard work. Lloyd also had a draftsman degree and was very skilled at drawing and designing. He had an eye for detail. In his spare time he loved to ride his Harley and he also enjoyed biking and running.

In 2007 Lloyd met Jena Lober in Fargo, North Dakota. They both enjoyed attending church together and hiking. Every weekend they would go hiking and exploring and this love of the outdoors continued when they moved to the Black Hills of South Dakota. They settled in Spearfish, South Dakota in 2009 and Lloyd worked for a friend in Gillette, Wyoming as a parts runner for Treco Services. During his time working there he helped his friend build 2 custom motorcycles which Lloyd always wanted to do.

In 2019 Lloyd and Jena became members of New



Covenant Presbyterian Church. This became very important to them because of the closeness of the church family. In 2020 Lloyd developed several medical conditions that made it difficult for him to do the things he enjoyed in life, but through it all he remained positive, and he was a true believer in God. He never blamed God for his health problems, and he stayed strong in his faith. Lloyd remained in his home throughout his health battles with Jena taking care of him and he was always with his constant companion Lucy Lou his Manx cat.

Lloyd died peacefully at the age of 71, on Wednesday August 28, 2024 at his home. He is survived by Jena, and Jena's children Adam of Spearfish, Jessica and Austin Everson of Grand Forks, ND. Lloyd's children in California; sons, Christopher, Curtis and grandson Bennet, his son Dusty Boisjolie and Dusty's wife Nathalie and grandchildren Luc and Lucy. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bruce, Jena's son Anthony Stroklund and many other relatives.

A memorial service will be held 11am Friday, September 13th, 2024 at the New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Spearfish. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery, with military honors. 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 66

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

Dale's life will be celebrated 1 to 4pm Saturday, September 21st, 2024 on the upper floor of the Loud American Roadhouse in Sturgis. 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.



Troy Lynn Edlin 56

Troy Lynn Edlin, 56, of Belle Fourche, SD passed away on August 30, 2024 unexpectedly.

He was born on July 16, 1968 to Mary (On The Tree) and Ira Edlin. While in high school he worked as a bagger at the grocery store. He enjoyed his job as it gave him an opportunity to visit with people.

Troy was loved by many and was always polite, kind, caring and he respected others. He would hold doors for people and had a soft spot for kids. He liked to teach them the right way to do things.

Troy enjoyed fishing, music of all genres and when he was with his family and friends, he enjoyed frisbee and throwing football. Family was very special to Troy; he loved to visit and laugh while reminiscing about old times. He was a huge Denver Bronco fan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ira Edlin; his stepdad, Bruce Williams; grandparents, Elmer and Dorothy On The Tree; uncles, Bruce, Rocky and Bob and cousin, Cheyenne.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Edlin of Belle



Fourche; his sister, Lisa (Jay) Selzler and children, Jason and Lindsey of Belle Fourche; his brother, Clayton Williams of Belle Fourche and his children, also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, September 6 at 11:00 AM at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Belle Fourche. A lunch will follow at the church with burial at Pine Slope Cemetery in Belle Fourche.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be sent to Mary Edlin, 1605 5th Ave. Apt. 12 Belle Fourche, SD 57717

The funeral will be livestreamed and can be viewed on Troy's obituary page at klinefuneral-chapel.com

An online guest book is available at klinefuneral-chapel.com



John Dee Kress 84

John Dee Kress, 84, of Belle Fourche passed away Thursday, August 29, 2024 at his home surrounded by family.

John was born March 25, 1940 in Mondamin, Iowa to Roy William and Cecil Perl (Beaman) Kress. John graduated from Pisgah High School in Pisgah, Iowa in 1958, and continued his education at trade schools.

John met the love of his life in high school and they joined in marriage August 26, 1958 in Onawa, Iowa. After marriage John and Carole moved to Pisgah and lived on the home farm and began farming together.

John loved the outdoors. He could be found outside enjoying the livestock and ranching, he was known to have his two boys along side him while enjoying his time outdoors. His passion for the cattle and horse industry was well known. He broke many horses, as well as showed cattle. You could also find him enjoying his time with his grandkids out on the farm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Cecil Kress; brothers, George Kress and Roy Guy Kress; his in-laws, Wilber and Esther Kuhlmann; two broth-



ers-in-law, Dennis Kuhlmann and Robert Glassburner and sister-in-law, Gloria Kress.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Carole Kress of Belle Fourche; his sons, Terry (LaRoyce) Kress of Guthrie Center, IA, Jerry Kress of Belle Fourche, Tyler Titus of Sioux Falls, Trey Dayboy of Belle Fourche and Jay Poorbear of Belle Fourche; 6 grandchildren, Justin (Dea) Kress of Guthrie Center, IA,

Tyler (Baylee) Kress of Perry, IA, Ashley McDermott of Griswold, IA, Jakota Moore of Belle Fourche, Bear Moore of Belle Fourche and Dakota Wade Moore of Sioux Falls; 3 great grandchildren, Hunter Kress and Shay Kress of Guthrie Center and Bedkham Moore of Belle Fourche.

Memorial services will be held at a later date, in lieu of flowers donations can be sent to 1010 Harding Street, Apt. A Belle Fourche, SD 57717.

An online guest book is available at klinefuneral-chapel.com



Psalm 103:2

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
5 who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

SRO from A1

But the SRO has many vital roles to play within the school system including engaging with students, fostering positive relationships and providing support. "I actually think it's more beneficial to have someone in law enforcement in the schools, so that way the younger kids can associate law enforcement with being a good guy and a friendly face."

Other duties include investigating crimes and enforcing truancy laws. Officer Schmeltzer explains that he has a lot of different responsibilities. "Oh, a long, long laundry list."

The first and foremost to ensure the safety of all five of our schools here in Belle. After that, it's be there for the school district to investigate crimes, whether it be thefts or tobacco violations, alcohol, drugs, things like that."

He said enforcing truancy laws is one of his biggest roles. Nicotine vapes within the school district are a big problem for students, "its a pandemic," he said.

One of SRO Schmeltzer's favorite activities throughout the day is having lunch with the kids. "Usually, I'll eat at either South Park or the middle school, I actually have more fun just hanging out with the kids or serving lunch"

He said most of the time you can find him serving lunch to children, rather than eating it, "there's a good chance you'll find me serving lunch at one of those two schools, more often than not."

Officer Schmeltzer describes himself as a very playful person, "I'm a huge kid at heart, I've had a lot of people tell me I'm perfect for this job. I'm just a giant kid."

But he realizes that he is in the position to make a positive impact on children's lives. "I do try encourage them."

If I see them struggling with something, I'll sit and talk to them and try to help them push through whatever they're struggling with, overcome that hurdle, whatever it may be."

SRO has also had the opportunity to learn from the students. The biggest thing he has learned in this job is "to always have an open mind, because what might not be an issue or a concern or a problem in my eyes, to a third or second grader could be the end of the world."

Growing up in South Dakota and graduating from Sturgis High School, Officer Schmeltzer is a father himself. He is the dad to four children, three boys and one girl.

He has been married to his wife Nikki for 13 years. He became a law enforcement officer in 2019.

In order to become a qualified Student Resource Officer, Schmeltzer has had to undergo specialized training. He attended the National Association for School Resource Officers (NASRO) certification class.

It was 40 hours of training to be certified as a School Resource Officer. He attended two week long instructor certification training to become a DARE instructor. Now he teaches DARE program to fifth graders.

He is a member of both the NASRO and South Dakota School Resource Officer Associations, attending annual conferences for updates in the law and additional training.

SRO Schmeltzer said his least favorite part of his job is the paper work and filling out reports. "I'm doing the one thing that no one ever shows on any TV shows and that's just a bunch of paperwork."

"I love my job, and apparently I'm good at it, according to everybody I've talked to, I wouldn't trade it. My heart is with the schools."

From A1 County Commission

contract at \$29/month. Lamphere explained that the radios could be tried out for six months and if they don't work, can be returned at no charge. A new radio would cost approximately \$6,500.

A representative from the company may be able to attend the next county meeting September 17, an evening meeting.

Auditor Annie Capp suggested the Sheriff's budget be increased by \$2,100 for next year. The commissioners agreed and the increase will be evident in the final budget approval.

Capp also presented a revised Hewitt Land Company Real Estate Auction listing agreement. The agreement lists all land that is presently owned by the county and will go up on auction November 18, 2024.

The Fire Reversion and Grant moneys will be distributed to three area fire departments, Butte County FD, Castle Rock FD, and Vale FD for assisting with the fire in Harding County. Each fire department will receive \$1,250 from the grant. The

Fire Reversion moneys come from the South Dakota Department of Revenue to the county and will be distributed at a later date.

During Public Comments, Sue Broadhurst expressed her ideas on the information contained in the public packet available before a meeting. She wanted an explanation of why there was a charge for some of the information she wanted. She also encouraged the commissioners to check all credit card charges and asked why charges for an outside attorney were made.

Capp later explained that county policy must be followed when documents are requested. But she is available at any time to answer questions.

Travis Ismay expressed his ideas of the commissioners checking other resources on machinery before a vote was done to purchase equipment. He said new machinery isn't always necessary.

"We expect you to do this [research]," he said.

State's Attorney LeEllen McCartney explained that she had received an email from the attorney for Black Hills Buds. The attorney explained that since the question of foster care near the facility had been rem-

edied, BH Buds should be free to pursue further business. McCartney said that she would wait until she had more information other than an email.

McCartney went on to specify the reason behind having an outside attorney. If an attorney has a conflict of interest, outside counsel is necessary.

Commissioner Chad Erk asked about moving the mic located on the table once more towards Commissioners Herman and Ager. He thought that moving it closer to the center would aid in hearing everyone on the commission and that it shouldn't cost a great amount of money. Auditor Capp said that she would check with tech.

The future use of the old jail could be permanently put aside, according to Commissioner Batterman. He reported that Sheriff Lamphere is waiting on a contact and Rick McCartney is working on another. There will be a Building Committee meeting October 1 at 8:30a.m

Following an Executive Session, the commissioners agreed to sign a letter addressing a complaint by a citizen alleging voter intimidation.

The next regular Butte County Commission meeting will be Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.

From A1 CASA

and neglected children by providing trained volunteers to advocate for their best interests.

NHCASA covers the Fourth Judicial Circuit. The program service area is expansive as it covers eight counties: Butte, Lawrence, Harding, Perkins, Corson, Dewey, Ziebach and Meade.

They currently have 54 active volunteers and served 85 children in 2023. So far this year 70 children have been helped. "Last year, the number of volunteer hours that our CASA volunteers put in exceeded 5500 hours, and they traveled 42,000 miles advocating for children," Cermak said.

Cermak explained that volunteers are a welcomed addition to the service of children. "That is certainly the case within the fourth Judicial Circuit, because all of our judges have a great respect for volunteers and for our program, and really, they believe that the

CASA volunteers are the eyes and the ears for children in our court system."

Training is a very in-depth and detailed curriculum. "It's 30-plus hours between in class and out of class time."

We go over a wide variety of topics and prepare you to take on a case."

Training also includes courtroom training. "We have attorneys come in and talk to you about their role. Then, that night, you're actually sworn in by a judge as a court appointed special advocate."

As a CASA volunteer you will conduct thorough investigations, meet with all relevant parties and stay with a child until the child achieves permanency, which can be reunification, adoption, guardianship or aging out of the system. Volunteers often develop strong bonds with the children they serve, even after the case is closed.

The caseload of a CASA volunteer is one child, or all children

from the same family and can take from a year to multiple years to complete the one case.

Laura Moravek a CASA volunteer, emphasized the importance of CASA's role in gathering information and advocating for children's best interests. She became a volunteer to speak up for children that didn't have anyone to speak for them. She developed a close relationship with her first CASA child, and stays in contact with them to this day.

"We just want to be their voice, to make sure that they don't stay in the child welfare system for years and years and years which sometimes happens," said Cermak.

Shay Hood recently went through CASA training and shared, "Training is amazing, it's a lot of fun. You build good relationships with everyone going through the program and you learn a lot from the great speakers."

CASA is a popular program nationwide; there are organizations in 49 states with approximately 100,000 volunteers.

Fraud Prevention Seminar

Please join the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce, Highmark Credit Union, Belle Silver Lining, and Belle Fourche Police Department for an informational lunch and learn presentation 12:30-1:30, Thursday, September 19 at Silver Linings Senior Center.

Speakers include Kelly Millikin & Tony Pannone from Highmark and Police Chief

Ryan Cherveny. They will speak about how to protect yourself and your loved ones from fraud.

This session is open to community members of all ages - let's stay informed and safe together. Lunch \$7-\$10 donation to Belle Silver Lining

RSVP's are appreciated, drop-ins welcome. RSVP to Chamber at 605-892-2676

Chamber Chili Challenge

The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce is hosting the **Chamber Chili Challenge on Thursday Sept 26th from 5PM-7PM.**

Participating members are in it to win it for the champion chili title.

We welcome the community to join us in voting who did the

best. Purchase a \$10 wristband from the chamber office, and receive a list of the members and one ticket to vote for your favorite.

You get to sample multiple chilis while mingling with friends or family and learn about all of our great members of the Cham-

Black Hills Beer Run

Black Hills Beer Run will be on September 15, 2024 at Spearfish City Park.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery and the Phoenix Rising Education Program (PREP), a local nonprofit educating children and adults on internet safety with the goal of preventing human trafficking

and child exploitation. There will be a free kids dash at 11:30am followed by the 5k Beer Run at 12:00pm. Beer at the finish line!

Costumes welcomed with prizes for best dressed. Event details and registration can be found on the website: <https://runsignup.com/Race/SD/Spearfish/BlackHillsBeerRun>

First Interstate Bank Hosts Companywide Volunteer Day

Employees assist with over 350 service projects across 14 states during 7th annual event

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. — Giving back to the places we call home is part of who we are at First Interstate. We do this by offering our time, talent, and treasure throughout 14 distinctly unique states across our footprint.

On Wednesday, September 11, our workforce will team up to participate in over 350 separate service projects in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming.

Please visit our Volunteer Day microsite to discover where our employees are volunteering in your city. The site includes project descriptions, event locations, and contacts for each event.

"This day concentrates and magnifies the efforts of our wonderful employees, who give generously to the places where they live and work," said Kevin Riley, President and CEO of First Interstate BancSystem, Inc. "We are honored to celebrate the power of community with our neighbors today."

The overarching philanthropic focus for this year's Volunteer Day is anchored in

combating poverty, hunger, and homelessness. However, employees were empowered to select service projects that cater to the specific needs of their communities.

Banking on Volunteer Day – Wednesday, September 11

All First Interstate branches and offices will close at noon local time on Wednesday, September 11 so our employees can roll up their sleeves and volunteer within their communities.

Although our branch offices will be closed in the afternoon, our Client Contact Center (855-342-3400) will be fully staffed and available to assist clients from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. MT. Clients can also visit one of our ATMs or use online banking or the mobile banking app for immediate banking needs. Regular branch and service hours will resume on Thursday, September 12.

An Attitude of Gratitude

Giving back on Volunteer Day is not just a one-and-done focus for First Interstate; it's a philanthropic philosophy employees bring to life every day. The annual event started in 2018 in celebration of First Interstate's 50th anniversary, with this year's Volunteer Day marking the seventh time the Bank has closed to give back to the places we call home.

"Investing in our communities, whether through local sponsorships, donations, volunteer efforts, or business development,

is what makes us who we are — a full-service community bank offering a unique set of products and services, yes, but more importantly, a trusted community partner and neighbor," Riley said.

Making a Difference in the Places We Call Home

In addition to Volunteer Day, First Interstate champions other innovative philanthropy-focused programs, including Teach Children to Save, Neighbors Feeding Neighbors, Coats and More, and Get Smart About Credit.

Additionally, through our volunteer match program, First Interstate pays nonprofits \$10/hour for time spent volunteering at their organizations (minimum of 10 hours). First Interstate also matches employee donations to nonprofits and donates 2% of our net income before taxes to charitable organizations. For more information related to how First Interstate contributes to the health and happiness of the places we call home, please take a peek at our Community Scorecard.

About First Interstate

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Bronc Sports Updates

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Boys Football

The Broncos football team played their home opener Friday night taking on West Central.

With the locals filling the stands and the sound of the band echoing the stadium it was the perfect night for high school football.

The Broncos found themselves down by three scores early in the game and that's when the offense started to click led by quarterback Joseph McLennan and a phenomenal game from wide receiver Peyton Alexander.

The Broncos fell short in the end however unable to get their

first win of the season they are headed in the right direction with a lot of positives coming from the game.

The final score was 15 to 56. Friday the Broncos are off to Tri Valley to take on the Mustangs with a 6 pm kickoff.

Boys Golf

The Belle Fourche Broncos boys golf team were back in action Thursday morning at their home golf course competing in the challenge cup invite.

It was an impressive outing for the local team, continuing to prove they belong in the top of the district.

Isaac Voyles again finds

himself high on the leaderboard as he shot at 83 on the day finishing 6th.

William Carson took 18th place shooting a 91. In 22nd place Noah Mailloux had a score of 94 followed by Reggin Luther in 24th with a 95.

Gabriel Raba and Saxton Stiefvater finished 30th and 33.

Bronc Volleyball

The girls varsity volleyball team had their home opener last Friday night.

Unfortunately nothing was going their way and ended up on the losing side 3 sets to 0.

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The **Bronc** team getting in position along the sidelines before the National Anthem is played to start the game. *Potter Photos*



Coach **Sean Sweet** huddles his offense during a timeout.



The Bronc offense led by # 4 **Joseph McLennan** drives down the field to start the second half.



Senior **Peyton Alexander**, fighting his way into the end zone, scores the second Bronc touchdown of the game.

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 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. 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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Meet the 12 Runners in The 437 Project As They Kick Off Their Run

Mission is to raise awareness and funds for mental health and suicide challenges

RAPID CITY, SD - The 12 runners completing The 437 Project event encourage you to join them on Wednesday, September 18 in Rapid City as they kick off their journey across South Dakota. Their mission will be to raise awareness and funds for suicide challenges and mental health.

From 5:00pm to 7:00pm MT at the Hilton Garden Inn (815 E Mall Dr, Rapid City), you can meet the runners, enjoy local food trucks and yard games, and learn more about the mission. The 437 Project was born of a passion for bolstering both physical and mental wellness and the often overlooked connection between the two.

From September 19–22, 12 dedicated runners and a caravan of supportive volunteers, will take turns running 437 miles continuously from border to border across South Dakota. Their determination and will power are tested as they endure various weather elements and a variety of South Dakota terrain, all while spreading the message of mental health and suicide prevention.

Runners participating in this year's The 437 Project are:

- Lisa Larson | Office Manager,

- Dobesh Chiropractic
- Dawn Marie Johnson | Independent Consultant & Sioux Falls School District Board Member
- Mark Scharnberg | Chief Financial Officer, Vance Thompson Vision
- Dan Santella | Journalist, KELOLAND News
- Susan Kornder | Executive Director, Northeastern Mental Health Center
- Carmen Peterson | Director of Radiology and Clinical Informatics, Philip Health Services
- Betsy Schuster | Chief Executive Officer, Active Generations
- Jonathan Buchanan | Primary Care Sports Medicine Physician, Avera Orthopedics
- Jessica Rumpca | Family Nurse Practitioner, Avera
- John Meyer | Founder of Leadmore, Director of Leadership South Dakota
- Lexi Warejcka | Marketing Director, State of South Dakota
- Martin Wennblom | North Middle School Teacher, Rapid City Area Schools

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 such as the one in Rapid City on September 18.

There are also community events in Pierre (Sept. 20),

Mitchell (Sept. 21) and Sioux Falls (Sept. 22) as the runners continue their stretch across the state.

In 2023, The 437 Project raised over \$270,000 for the Helpline Center which is the only accredited suicide crisis center in the state of South Dakota.

Donations 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 access to adequate training 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.

Community Calendar

Belle Silver Lining Lunch Program

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Meals On Wheels Program Ongoing

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Runner Start	Runner Stop	Miles	Day	MT Start	MT Stop
SD State Line, Old Hwy 14	spearfish canyon golf club	13.5	Thurs	7:00 AM	8:41 AM
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
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According to Bollwitt, the center delivers anywhere from 20 to 32 meals a day and serves on average 40 to 90 lunches at the center each day.

The state helps fund the meal program, but doesn't cover all the expenses, so Belle Silver Lining has to procure donations from the community.

Riley shared that they have several fundraisers per year, including a father/daughter dance and caramel rolls and coffee on Fridays.

"We can't charge for meals, so we do ask for a suggested donation of \$7 for members over 60 and for non-members or people who are under 60, the suggested donation is \$10, but we don't



Grill master and newest board member, Cleo Burghduff takes on the duties of cooking all the hot dogs and hamburgers for the Belle Silver Lining BBQ Fundraiser. Longbrake photo



From left: Brian Miur, volunteer, Jeanne Miur, volunteer, Rita Bollwitt, Board Vice President serve hungry BBQ participants at the Belle Silver Lining BBQ Fundraiser. Longbrake photo

From A1 Cowboys Too!

Wilson retired to the area from Rochester, MN.

He has lived in the Black Hills for the past nine years. He discovered his love for this area when he and his friend made motorcycle trips to Sturgis for the Motorcycle Rally.

One year, on one of his bike trips through the area, Wilson saw a realtor pounding a for sale sign into the ground and decided that was the place for him. He purchased the land.

His wife still works for the

Mayo Clinic in Rochester, but is able to do her work remotely.

Even though he retired from his previous career as an Insurance Agent, he stays very busy in his new incarnation of shop owner. "We have had a good response to our business and we really appreciate it," said Wilson.

"We love the community! We really like it here, we've met so many wonderful people.

People here have honesty, integrity, and it just makes you feel good," said Wilson.

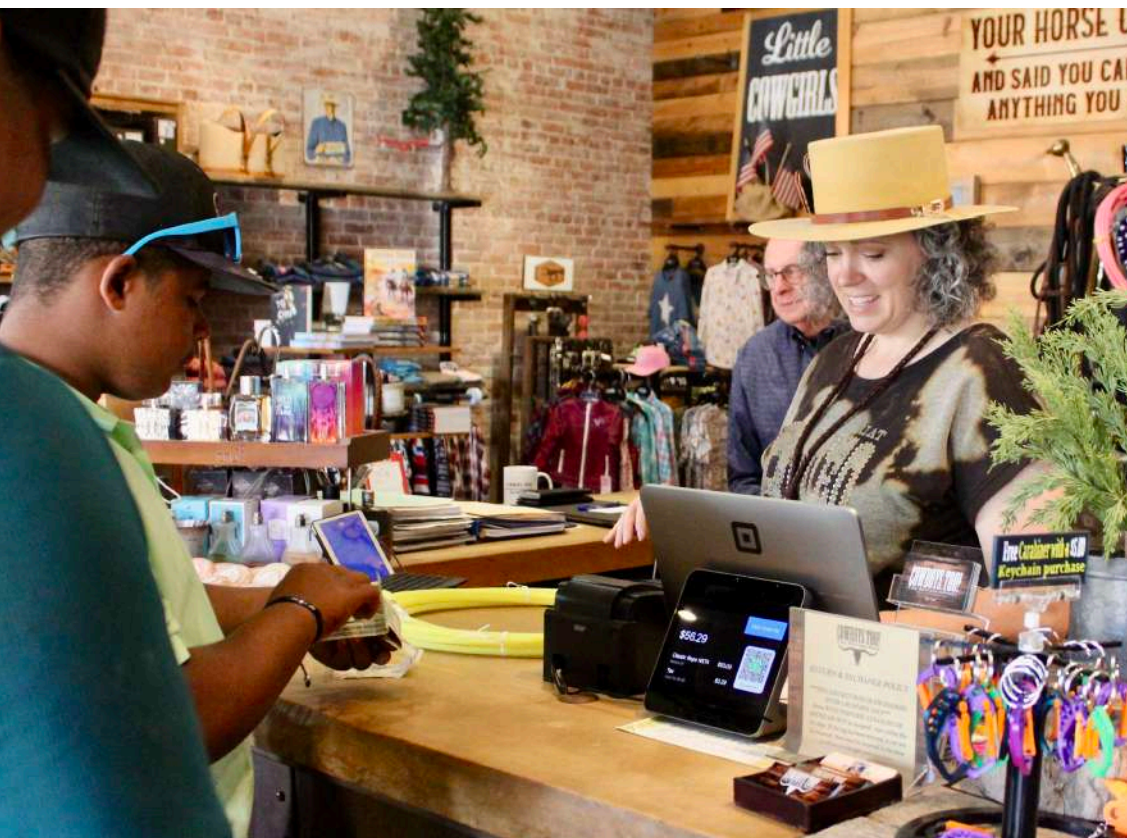
The big holidays and events

in the Black Hills, such as Black Hills Roundup and Sturgis Rally bring customers to town and keep the business busy. Wilson explained "Fourth of July, Sturgis, there are times that are really, really busy.

But don't forget about us in January, those are the tough times."

This past week, Cowboy TOO! Was named Chamber of Commerce Business of the Week.

"It's an honor to be named, but it is what the Chamber does, they try to highlight their membership," said Wilson.



Michelle Evans checks out customers buying Western items in Cowboys TOO!. George Wilson helps out. Longbrake Photo

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Anything Left in the Barrel?
Bronc football in what has been dubbed under their new head coach, a rebuilding year has been able to "warm up" with games against two of the state's east river perennial power houses.
The team has shown perseverance, promise, and improvement in both of those contests and predictably will continue to improve throughout the season.
Reminder: September is Suicide Awareness Month
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 support
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 on old Hwy 14 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. Available statewide.
Special Thanks to Ron Keil and his sweet corn staff for keeping his produce on the Cole table this summer.
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Red Onion Marketplace Hosts an Evening of Food, Fellowship and Fun

Robbi Longbrake
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BELLE FOURCHE—Sounds of laughter and joy came from event goers sitting in lawn chairs spread out across the open space at the Red Onion Marketplace as people came together to listen to live music, shop, eat and enjoy the good company of friends and neighbors on the evening of September 7.

In its fifth season, Red Onion Marketplace is a local farmers market that is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning in June and running through September.

They offer seasonal organically grown produce and homemade baked goods.

Once during the season, they invite area vendors out

and open the space up for the community to enjoy A Night at the Onion.

Robin Ager, Owner said “We decided we should have some vendors and some food and just make a big event out of it! Our theme is food, fellowship, and fun!”

In addition to the fun evening of friendship, Red Onion uses the event to give back. “We always donate a portion of the proceeds to an organization each year, and this year, we’re doing Compassion Cupboard,” said Ager.

This is the fourth year the Red Onion Marketplace has hosted a night time event and has always donated money to various charity organizations, from helping Ukraine, the Bella Pregnancy Center and others.

A variety of vendors offered something for everyone. Burgers, brat and shredded beef were offered by Minnesela Meats and coffee from Spearfish Coffee Roasters, lemonade offered by Della and Linc’s Lemonade and a full offering of creations and other goods were available from Carl Crowley Honey Man, Chill Your Roll Ice Cream, The Wild Giraffe, A. Lindseth Designs, Norwex, Just Rockin’ Around, Bracelet Creations, Joyful Blooms and Out of the Darkness.

Traditional farmers market items like seasonal vegetables, pies, sweet rolls, cookies and breads filled the shelves.

Live music was provided by Rick McBride and Jonny and Shel.



Working hard behind the scenes, Molly Ager, Robin Ager and Delilah Ager take care of customers and answer questions and visit with *Night at the Onion* participants. Longbrake photo



Red Onion Marketplace hosted a *Night at the Onion* and area folks came out to enjoy the food, live music and the company of each other. Longbrake photo



The Wild Giraffe owned by McKenna Bridges, was a popular booth during the Red Onion Marketplace evening gathering. Longbrake photo

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Cattle Report - Friday, September 6, 2024

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Next sale - September 13th- Yrig & Spring Calf Special - Selling all classes of cattle
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Table with columns for various cattle breeds and prices, including Ketelsen, Cole, Sturgis SD, and others.

Friday, September 13, 2024

Yearling & Spring Calf Special

10:00 AM -- Weigh Up Cows 12:00 Noon -- Feeder Cattle

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BV-Bangs Vaccinated NI- No Implants

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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, September 5, 2024

Lamb market was steady to \$5 lower
Slaughter ewes sold steady to \$3 higher

Next sale - September 12th - Feeder Lamb Special - Selling all classes of goats & sheep
Expecting 3000 to 4000 feeder lambs
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Feeder Lambs

Table with columns for Feeder Lambs, including names like Mills Brothers, Gillette WY, and prices.

Slaughter Ewes

Table with columns for Slaughter Ewes, including names like Charles Carter Inc, Broadus MT, and prices.

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Thursday, September 12, 2024

Feeder Lamb Special Sale 1:00 PM

Expecting 3000 to 4000 lambs

Feeder lambs

MT - 500 Lambs - 75#
SD - 300 Lambs - 70#
SD - 600 Lambs - 70-90#
MT - 400 Lambs - 75#
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MT - 300 Lambs - 80#
SD - 180 Lambs - 90#

Please have animals in by noon
So they can all be weighed before the sale!

2024 SHEEP SALES

September 19th -- Annual Replacement Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats -- 10 Am Start
September 26th -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 3rd -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 10th -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 17th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 24th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 31st -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 7th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 14th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 21st -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 28th -- No Sale -- Happy Thanksgiving!
December 5th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 12th -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
December 19th -- Regular Sale -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats

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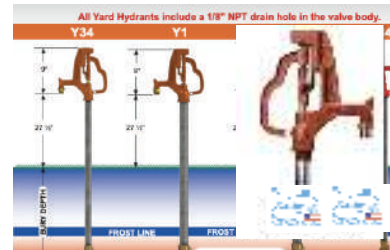
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Recreational marijuana directly impacts teenagers

Article Published at the request of the Butte County Sheriff

Futures and dreams lost, families shattered:
 A San Diego news team (Team 10) recently highlighted two young men who began using marijuana in their teens. They determined that legal retailers are making power-packed versions of THC oils, gummies and even sodas that doctors say are highly addictive and causing actual brain damage in teenagers and young adults.

A young man's life is a far cry from what it used to be after an adolescence clouded by what his parents say was potent marijuana smoke and vape fumes. The change came quickly after he started vaping THC oils. Gone are this A student's carefree days surfing, earning a pilot's license at 16, and attending college at a prestigious East Coast university. Now in his early 20s, the young man, said, he just roams the streets of San Diego. "I usually just find a place to sleep on the street." The young man's parents say marijuana is to blame for their boy's psychosis.

Adriana Ching's son, Samuel, is in the depths of psychosis today. Lost are the days of playing soccer and the piano. "Samuel was a sweet child," Adriana said. "I never thought

marijuana was that lethal or that dangerous." Adriana says Samuel's high school marijuana habit exploded during his first week of college when she got a call from the hospital. Samuel was admitted for psychosis. "When I first saw him, I could not recognize him. He did not make sense. "Everything he said was very exaggerated. He thought he was a Hollywood rock star that was being held hostage... It was probably one of the scariest times of my life."

"Teenagers' brains are not fully developed," said Dr. Natalie Laub, a child abuse pediatrician at Rady Children's Hospital. "This is why these high-potential marijuana products are dangerous for teens. The average human brain isn't fully developed or mature until mid-to-late 20s, and that is why we see teenagers who use marijuana have higher incidences of mental health disorders," she said. "There's a higher likelihood of developing schizophrenia, bipolar or other mood disorders."

Dr. Roneet Lev is an emergency room doctor at Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego. She sees marijuana psychosis patients in her emergency room daily. "Parents of teens and young adults aren't aware that modern-day marijuana is so strong it should be considered a hard drug. It's the saddest

thing," she said. "These are parents whose children became psychotic or died — cannabis-associated psychosis or suicide — and it's heart wrenching because they had no idea, and they wish someone told them."

Lunch, marijuana, teen driver: Six Dead: The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board is urging parents to warn teenagers about the risk of driving after using marijuana. In Tishomingo, Oklahoma—about 100 miles southeast of Oklahoma City—six high school girls got into a car during their lunch break. At an intersection, the driver slowed, then sped up and turned left in front of a gravel truck. The truck driver braked and steered to avoid the car, but hit the driver's side at just under 50 mph. All six teens died of multiple blunt force injuries. Tests on blood taken from the driver's body found a THC concentration of 95.9 nanograms per milliliter. The board determined that the crash was caused by the 16-year-old driver slowing for an intersection, then accelerating through a stop sign because she likely was impaired by recent marijuana use and was distracted by having five teen passengers in the car. In its report on the crash, the NTSB cited studies showing that marijuana decreases motor coordination, slows reaction time and impairs judgment of time and

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distance, all critical functions for driving.

First-time user, now murderer: "The Sunday Times" reporters interviewed Bryn Spejcher who stabbed her friend 108 times in a state of cannabis-induced psychosis. When Bryn watched the police bodycam footage, she did not recognize the woman she saw: deranged and frenzied, stabbing her body and then her service dog, Arya. The police had to taser her four times and beat her nine times with a baton — breaking her arm — to make her stop. Then she saw her friend, Chad O'Melia, stabbed 108 times in his home where the two had been hanging out and smoking weed. Spejcher says companies selling the drug legally are hiding the truth about its effects. "It's still hard to believe something like this actually happened. I am not a violent person." Spejcher is one of thousands of victims of cannabis-induced psychosis in California, where a growing number of people are questioning legalization, demanding further regulation of how it is marketed and worrying that companies are hiding the true risks of the drug.

At a glance:
 In states where marijuana has been legalized, there has been a marked increase in usage among teenagers. Normalizing marijuana use sends a dangerous message to young people, potentially leading to increased substance abuse and its associated problems, including poorer academic performance and higher dropout rates.

Marijuana is a gateway drug according to almost all drug and alcohol counselors. ER admits for opioids and methamphetamine in Colorado are up since legalization. Accidental consumption/ overdose by children is way up in states who legalize marijuana. Fatal traffic accidents with drivers testing positive for marijuana doubled in Washington after legalization and increased 138% in Colorado.

Twenty-five percent of regular users admit to driving high every day and 60% to driving high occasionally. "Simply making marijuana legal makes it more likely your children or grandchildren WILL use it," said South Dakota physician Dr. Bonnie Omdahl. "There is a decreased perception of harm and an impression of tacit approval when it is legal.

For South Dakota, the cost to individuals and society will be high for legalizing recreational marijuana and there really is no benefit."



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129 years ago Northwest Times Sept. 12, 1896 Jackson And Bryan; A Young Hickory Has Come Out Of The West in 1896 Striking Similarity of the Political Situations Today and Sixty Years Ago – The Money Lords Could Not Terrorize Jackson and They Cannot Conquer Bryant

The war now raging between the money power of this country and its toiling masses is substantially identical with the battle which Andrew Jackson won over 60 years ago under similar circumstances. Since that time organized wealth, of course, has swollen tremendously in volume and influence on federal, state, and municipal governments, but the people have also grown from 15,000,000 to nearly 70,000,000 and progressed materially in intelligence and alertness. The difficulty has been to arouse them to a sense of danger and compass united action to defend their liberties and redress grievances. The people have at last been brought to a realization of this fact "the machinery is now furnished by which in any emergency the financial corporations of the east can act on a single day's notice with such power that no act of congress can overcome their decision." The money of Jackson's day was concentrated in the United States bank, which had branches in all the states, and the fact that the government's funds were required to be deposited in them it potential in politics and administrations.

Talk of the Town: Populist County Convention

Pursuant to call delegates of the People's party met in convention at Beam school house Sept. 5th, 1896. A more harmonious and satisfactory assemblage never met within the confines of Butte county. There were no "double-headers; no objections to those without credentials desiring to take part in convention; no factions nor combinations, and as a consequence all left the conven-

tion satisfied and confident of success of the entire ticket, it being a class of men who are competent and above reproach. The house was called to order by Chairman Newland. T. W. LaFleiche was elected temporary chairman, and Lucius Leslie temporary secretary. Moved and carried that the chair appoint a committee of five on credentials, H. E. Thompson, J. S. Bryan, L. P. Jenks, Robt. Stevens and A. H. Snyder received appointment.

104 years The Belle Fourche Bee Sept. 9, 1920

1920 New Foe In Clash Northwest of Grodno

Paris - Lithuanian forces have occupied Seine. It was reported to the French bureau today. The dispatch explained that the dispute between the Poles and Lithuanians arises from the fact that the recent peace treaty between the Moscow and Lithuanian governments is in conflict as regards national boundaries with the boundaries laid down for Poland by the allies last December. An attack on Polish forces by the Lithuanians with machine guns and artillery in the region of Seine, thirty-five miles northwest of Grodno, is announced in Poland reports from the northern front.

Wanted Alfalfa Seed

J. W. Nicholson of the Michigan State Farm Bureau was in Huron recently on his way to the west river country where he intended to purchase 200,000 pounds of South Dakota alfalfa seed. Michigan raises alfalfa, but it does not raise alfalfa seed. Every year the state must come west to purchase its seed. Mr. Nicholson stated that in some other states alfalfa seed not grown here is labeled "South Dakota grown," because under such label it sells more readily than it otherwise would. He said that so far as quality is concerned seed from this state is of the best.

Here About

On account of repairing the several different school-houses of the Flat only part of



by Mary Buchholz

the schools started this week. Owl Creek school began last week with W. D. Crossley as teacher. Mr. Crossley was at one time a teacher in the Belle ourche schools.

The attendance promises to be larger this year as there will be several new beginners. An epidemic supposed to be summer flu, has been in the vicinity and seems to be no respecter of persons.

79 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee Sept. 11, 1945

Tenth Anniversary Stratosphere Flight Observed

On Sunday, Armistice Day, was the tenth anniversary of the successful stratosphere flight of Explorer II, from the well-know Stratobowl, southwest of Rapid City, and the anniversary observance included dedication of the ascension spot with the placing of a facsimile of a plaque atop the Stratobowl (a bronze plaque will replace it when received) and a nation-wide radio hook-up commemorating the event which was on the air from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Sunday over the NBC, a special half-hour broadcast over the Mutual network in the afternoon, and a transcription broadcast in the evening.

Second Truck Stolen From Local Operator Hugh Kissick, of the Kissick Transportation, is commencing to wonder if his trucking headquarters at the north end of Fifth Avenue has been registered in the books accessible to criminal circles, on account of a second truck being taken from its parking spot in this city, during the past month.

Widdoss Truck Found At Miles City, Mont

The 1939 Chevrolet truck, which was stolen from the J.H. Widdoss ranch southeast of Belle Fourche on Sunday, November 4, was recovered



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at Miles City, Montana, last Friday forenoon, apparently none the worse for the extra miles it had been driven by the one who had taken it. The driver had drained the radiator. Present clues about the Widdoss ranch robbery, as ascertained by the local peace officers, point to the suspect as being Jack Golden, who had been employed on the Widdoss ranch. Later investigation proves him as being an escaped convict from the Montana state penitentiary at Deer Lodge, where he was serving a sentence of five years for grand larceny.

54 years ago The Belle Fourche Bee Sept. 11, 1970

Council Approves Next Year's Budget

Belle Fourche's city council approved the annual appropriations ordinance and handled a variety of other matters at their meeting Tuesday night. The net result of the new appropriations ordinance means that the total mill levy for Belle Fourche will be about 15 mills, about one mill less than this year. The use of the streets for the 1971 Roundup was approved. Anti-Rustling Group is Formed

Tri-State Concert Association Plans For New Season

Three new members have been nominated to the board of the Tri-State Concert Association as the group prepares for the 1970-71

concert season. Cliff Thomas, Michael Gillaspie, and Mrs. Lorraine Klingler have accepted nomination to replace board members who have resigned or moved away. Mrs. Keith Collins, chairman of the association, announced that the kick-off for the fall membership drive will be a potluck supper at the Leroy Hill home. John Folin of the Allied Concert Services, Minneapolis, will be present to address board members. Four programs are scheduled for the concert series.

City Briefs Returned To College

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Day drove their daughter Barbara to Sioux Falls where she will be starting her sophomore year at Augustana. While there they visited another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Levenson, who are living in Sioux Falls.

Parents Weekend

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nicholson and son Dale left last Thursday afternoon for the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., where they joined their son Richard, who is a cadet there. This was parents' weekend at the academy. Their other son Larry joined them after the Friday evening football game at Lusk. Also joining them for the weekend were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Phillips, who were honeymooning in Colorado.



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Market Report - Thursday, September 5, 2024

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FEEDERS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
6 Creek Farms, Ekalaka MT	65	Black-Yrimg Str N	965	246.50	\$ 2,378.91
	65	Black-Yrimg Str N	963	246.50	\$ 2,374.74
	65	Black-Yrimg Str N	987	246.50	\$ 2,433.33
	65	Black-Yrimg Str N	1001	237.75	\$ 2,379.32
	65	Black-Yrimg Str N	1019	237.75	\$ 2,423.22
	66	Black-Yrimg Str N	988	237.75	\$ 2,348.14
T C Outfit Lp, Vale SD	65	Black-Yrimg Str N	825	264.00	\$ 2,177.39
	64	Black-Yrimg Str N	814	264.00	\$ 2,148.91
	63	Black-Yrimg Str	811	264.00	\$ 2,139.86
	64	Black-Yrimg Str	812	264.00	\$ 2,143.35
	62	Black-Yrimg Str	809	264.00	\$ 2,136.05
	95	Black-Yrimg Str N	670	288.50	\$ 1,933.40
Graham Livestock Inc, Moorcroft W	61	Black-Yrimg Str N	890	248.50	\$ 2,210.63
	60	Black-Yrimg Str N	899	248.50	\$ 2,234.84
	58	Black-Yrimg Str N	906	241.75	\$ 2,169.71
	72	Black-Yrimg Str	830	230.00	\$ 1,909.31
	10	Black-Yrimg Hfr	802	227.50	\$ 1,824.55
Travis Loehding, Ekalaka MT	60	Black-Yrimg Str N	902	247.75	\$ 2,235.53
	60	Black-Yrimg Str N	894	247.75	\$ 2,215.91
	60	Black-Yrimg Str N	900	247.75	\$ 2,229.75
	22	Black-Yrimg Str N	813	250.50	\$ 2,035.88
George & Jean Etchemendy, Douglas	49	Black-Yrimg Str H	951	236.00	\$ 2,243.92
	50	Black-Yrimg Str H	954	236.00	\$ 2,251.20
	48	Black-Yrimg Str H	954	236.00	\$ 2,252.57
	54	Black-Yrimg Str H	957	236.00	\$ 2,259.48
	19	Black-Yrimg Str H	853	242.50	\$ 2,067.63
	62	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	906	222.25	\$ 2,014.40
	66	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	863	226.75	\$ 1,956.06
Coomes Ranch, Manderson SD	67	Black-Yrimg Str	918	232.00	\$ 2,129.03
	67	Black-Yrimg Str	930	232.00	\$ 2,156.90
	65	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	935	231.75	\$ 2,166.32
	64	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	914	232.00	\$ 2,119.53
	64	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	925	232.00	\$ 2,145.27
	64	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	923	232.00	\$ 2,140.74
	64	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	911	232.00	\$ 2,113.91
	67	Rd/Bk/Yrimg Str	936	229.50	\$ 2,148.39
	50	Rd/Bk/Yrimg Str	1042	224.75	\$ 2,340.77
Landers Lyst Co Inc, Hot Springs SD	55	Black-Yrimg Hfr Sp	944	220.00	\$ 2,076.80
	55	Black-Yrimg Hfr Sp	958	220.00	\$ 2,106.60
McDonald Ranch Inc, Aladdin WY	65	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	951	234.00	\$ 2,226.42
	51	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	895	221.00	\$ 1,979.03
Ls Livestock Llc, Buffalo WY	61	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	799	259.75	\$ 2,074.59
Padden Ranch, Camp Crook SD	70	Black-Yrimg Hfr	700	252.25	\$ 1,764.48
	34	Black-Yrimg Hfr	720	252.25	\$ 1,817.31
Iron Mountain Cattle Co, Belle Four	41	Black-Yrimg Hfr	765	242.00	\$ 1,851.89
TJ Livestock, Weston WY	27	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	777	262.00	\$ 2,035.35
Ben Or Lori Garmann, Belle Fourche S	21	Rd/Bk/Yrimg Str	768	260.00	\$ 1,996.42
	32	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	717	249.00	\$ 1,786.18
Paul Or Judy Hinkhouse, Nisland SD	53	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	864	245.50	\$ 2,120.56
	53	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	865	245.50	\$ 2,124.03
	61	Char/Red-Yrimg S	863	237.25	\$ 2,048.32
Shane Finn, Nisland SD	10	Rd/Bk/Yrimg Str	744	223.00	\$ 1,658.00
	10	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	722	241.50	\$ 1,742.42
Thomas Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	28	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	685	271.50	\$ 1,860.25
	13	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	584	292.00	\$ 1,704.83
	68	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	699	246.50	\$ 1,723.50
Jared Stearns, Edgemont SD	15	Black-Yrimg Str	832	252.50	\$ 2,099.95

Kuhbacher Ranch Inc, Moorcroft WY	10	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	588	264.50	\$ 1,555.26
Elisbury Ranch Llc, Sundance WY	65	Black-Yrimg Str	745	275.75	\$ 2,055.61
	75	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	790	240.50	\$ 1,901.07
	76	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	790	240.50	\$ 1,899.31
	26	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	725	244.25	\$ 1,771.75
Travis Linc, Belle Fourche SD	74	Bk/Rd/Ch-Yrimg Hfr	655	258.50	\$ 1,693.00
Eugene A Or Linda Roberts, Carlile W	78	Rd/Bk-Yrimg Hfr S	745	233.00	\$ 1,735.85
	6	Rd/Bk-Yrimg Hfr S	628	246.00	\$ 1,545.70
Bray Cattle Company, Kaycee WY	14	Black-Yrimg Hfr	740	238.00	\$ 1,761.20
Lazy Y Quarter Circle Llc, Aladdin WY	14	Bk/Bw/Yrimg Hfr	659	257.00	\$ 1,692.52
	10	Black-Yrimg Str	699	272.50	\$ 1,903.41
Stacy Moke, Belle Fourche SD	4	Black-Yrimg Hfr	785	230.00	\$ 1,805.50
Zane Verhulst, Reva SD	8	Red-Yrimg Hfr	975	216.00	\$ 2,106.00
Gordon Or Sandra Helms, Reva SD	4	Red-Yrimg Hfr	909	211.00	\$ 1,917.46
B&L Betz Cattle Company I, Clearmon	17	Black-Yrimg Hfr	900	221.00	\$ 1,988.35
Ryan Cordell, Camp Crook SD	19	Black-Yrimg Hfr	859	227.00	\$ 1,949.81
Quarter Circle U Ranch, Birney MT	36	Rd/Bk-Yrimg Str	804	246.00	\$ 1,978.59
Kevin Buchholz, Belle Fourche SD	42	Black-Yrimg Hfr	820	226.50	\$ 1,857.03
Gay Ranch Inc, Broadus MT	12	Bk/Bw/Yrimg St	759	265.00	\$ 2,011.79
Karrels Cattle Co. Llc, Broadus MT	6	Black-Yrimg Str	571	287.50	\$ 1,641.14
Perino Ranch, Newcastle WY	103	Char-Hfr	413	343.00	\$ 1,417.62
	63	Rd/Bk-Hfr	387	332.00	\$ 1,284.52
	29	Bk/Rd/Ch-Hfr	314	317.50	\$ 998.48
Brian & Jessica Mccollum, Moorcrof	8	Black-Str	511	302.00	\$ 1,542.08
	8	Black-Hfr	452	305.00	\$ 1,378.21

WEIGH-UPS	HD	DESC	WT	BID	\$/HEAD
Justin Or Brandi Pihl, Buffalo SD	1	Black-Cow	1480	135.00	\$ 1,998.00
Sandy Hanson, Vale SD	1	Black-Cow	1620	137.00	\$ 2,219.40
Quarter Circle U Ranch, Birney MT	9	Rd/Bk-Hfr	1056	153.00	\$ 1,615.85
Quarter Circle U Ranch, Birney MT	9	Rd/Bk-Cow	1193	135.00	\$ 1,610.25
Joe Kuhl, Buffalo Gap SD	1	Black-Cow	1375	138.00	\$ 1,897.50
Joe Kuhl, Buffalo Gap SD	1	Black-Cow	1435	134.00	\$ 1,922.90
David Or Morgan Hargrove, Nisland	1	Black-Cow	1000	154.00	\$ 1,540.00

BULLS

Cole Cholis, Rapid City SD	1	Red-Blu Drug Fre	2040	157.00	\$ 3,202.80
Clint Burke, Newell Sd	1	Bw/Bull	1925	162.00	\$ 3,118.50

UPCOMING SALE SCHEDULE

September 19, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT, HORSE SALE TO FOLLOW CATTLE SALE
September 26, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE & WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT, FEEDERS @ 12 MT
October 3, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
October 4, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT
October 10, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
October 11, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT
October 17, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
October 18, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT
October 24, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT
October 25, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT

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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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The Circus is Coming to Town!



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

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Belle Fourche, SD @ 7:00 PM
 Round Up Grounds Complex

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

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Belle Fourche, SD @ 4:00 PM
 Round Up Grounds Complex

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Belle Fourche, SD @ 7:00 PM
 Round Up Grounds Complex

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

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Belle Fourche, SD @ 4:00 PM
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Belle Fourche, SD @ 7:00 PM
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With a strong focus on family-friendly entertainment, the Rastelli Circus ensures that both children and adults can enjoy a delightful and memorable experience.

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Legal explanation, descriptions, Q & A

Detailed explanations and impacts on:

- Constitutional Amendment G ~ Abortion
- Constitutional Amendment H ~ Voting
- IM 28 ~ Consumption Tax
- IM 29 ~ Recreational Marijuana

Other Measures will be touched on

Monday, September 16
Sturgis Community Center Theater
 5:30 — 8:00 pm
 Refreshments Provided
 Hosted by MCRW & MCR



Guest Speakers

- Talbot Wiczorek**: Managing partner at Gunderson, Nelson, Palmer & Ashmore
- Camille Pauley**: Co-founder & CEO of Healing the Culture
- Erin Krueger**: RC Business Woman
- Pat West**: Meade County Sheriff
- Jim Kinyon**: Former Ex. Dir. Of Catholic Social Services / Diocese of Rapid City
- Ezra Hayes**: Meade County business owner

The SD Abortion Amendment Explained

1st trimester: Because of the vague word 'effectuation,' meaning "to bring about," the State would be completely prohibited from enacting any abortion regulations.

2nd trimester: Abortion would still be legalized for any reason, even after the child is viable outside of the womb.

3rd trimester: The U.S. Supreme Court defined "health" to include "all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age." This broad definition of "health" would allow for abortion all the way to the point of birth.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

That Article VI of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by adding a **NEW SECTION:**

Before the end of the first trimester, the State may not regulate a pregnant woman's abortion decision and its effectuation, which must be left to the judgement of the pregnant woman.

After the end of the first trimester and until the end of the second trimester, the State may regulate the pregnant woman's abortion decision and its effectuation only in ways that are reasonably related to the physical health of the pregnant woman.

After the end of the second trimester, the State may regulate or prohibit abortion, except when abortion is necessary, in the medical judgment of the woman's physician, to preserve the life or health of the pregnant woman.

Adding abortion to our State's Constitution would take away the people's ability to change the law through the legislative process.

Only after the start of the 2nd trimester could the State impose safety standards on abortion facilities that would protect women from unsafe abortions.

The 'physician,' in this case, would often be a Planned Parenthood abortionist who profits off of abortion.

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6th and Roundup - 892-2446
The Rev. Evelyn Weaver
The Rev. Sandy Williams, Priests
Deacon Rev. Mike Weaver
Sunday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
2020 Vista St - 892-4767
Dan Carlson, Pastor
Paul Howard, Pastor
Sunday Schedule:
Long Term Care Service 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: All ages 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
1105 Todd St.
John Allred, Bishop
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sacrament Meeting
Sunday School:
1st & 3rd Sundays, 11 a.m.
Priesthood Meeting, Relief Society, Young Men and Young Women: 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays

Emmanuel Baptist
Meet at Americinn Conference room - Andy Anderson, Pastor
9am Sunday School 10am church
Men's Bible Study 10am at the Senior Center
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 9am.
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Pastor Stephen Carson
Worship Pastor Ashton Rone
Sunday 10:00am - 11:15 am

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807 8th Ave. 892-4178
Pastor Tim Smith
Sunday: Sunday School - 9:15am
Morning Worship - 10:30am
Wednesday: Salt and Light Youth - Kindergarten -12th grade
5:00pm Soup & Sandwich
5:30pm - Salt and Light

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC
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Reverend Jill Jennewein
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Adult & Teen Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

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Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service

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Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

NORTH POINT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
10959 Kelleem Lane, Spearfish
Sunday Services: 9AM and 10:30AM

NISLAND INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY CHURCH
On Hwy 212 in Nisland (605) 257-2356
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.

RANGELAND MINISTRIES CHURCH
Alzada, MT
Sunday: Worship: 10:00am
Mark Leverington, Lay Pastor

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Kenny Riley, pastor
Sunday: 1 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY OF THE NORTHERN HILLS
120 Ryan Rd., Spearfish 605-642-0924
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Sunday: 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 11 a.m.
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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

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Worship: Sunday 10:30 am -FB Live
Sunday School 9:30 am
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Pastor Darla Dunn
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Service Sunday: 10 a.m.
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SPEARFISH Adventist CHURCH
290 W Highway 14
Pastor Darren Purdy and Pastor Marveen Gentillon
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Morning Prayer: 9:00am
Sabbath School: 9:30am
Worship Service: 10:45am
Bible Study-Tuesday: 6:00pm

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Sun: 9:30-12:30.
Contact: Nathan Thompson 605 569-3057
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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden September 11, 2022



Central Meade County received around .6 of rain on Friday night which was very much needed. I definitely gave a boost to the color scheme out here on the prairie.

However, as always, we could use another good dose of moisture to hold us over through the winter and then spring. Thank you to those who pray for rain. Temperatures finally cooled off by the weekend and it was a very nice break.

The Meade County Rural Ambulance Service is in search for a board member. Kay Andrews serves on the board and her term is up at the end of October. She will not seek another term. This ambulance service is a very valuable asset to rural Meade County. One may want to contact Kay if you have an interest in serving your community in this capacity.

The Country Christmas Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd at the Central Meade County Community Center from 9:00 - 3:00. Contact Misty Walker if you are interested in having a booth. They will be going fast.

There was a large area of Meade

County without power on Sunday morning for around 30-60 minutes. As of Sunday night we hadn't heard of what caused it. Thank you to our West River Electric employees for getting on it right away.

All are invited to a baby shower for Baby K on October 8th at 3:00 pm at the Red Owl Hall. The shower is for Kaitlyn Keffeler, Mrs. Jade Keffeler. They will have snacks and games. As alternative to cards they ask that you bring a children's book with a note for 'Mom' and 'Dad' to read late at night.

They are registered through Babylist and their link to the registry is www.babylist.com/baby-k-keffeler

Ninu Spring and Deb Vig shared a birthday that happened to be on Tuesday, September 13. One may want to shout a happy birthday to them both!

On Sunday, we reflected back on what happened on 9/11. It was a tragedy that brought our country together.

While no specific event has occurred all in one day, it is imperative that our country unites to continue to be safe and strong. May we never forget those who lost their lives that day.



"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" How Government Stifles Main Street in Favor of Wall Street

I am often asked why I selected "Building Main Street, not Wall Street" title for my column. While the reasons are many, here are a few of them. Main Street and Wall Street represent two vastly different facets of the American economy.



Main Street symbolizes small businesses which make up 80+ percent of the American economy, their local communities, and everyday citizens who contribute to the grassroots of the economy. Wall Street, on the other hand, represents large corporations, financial institutions, and the capital markets that drive national and global economic trends. While both are essential to the economic ecosystem, government regulations often inadvertently and/or on purpose favor Wall Street over Main Street, stifling the growth of the latter.

A great example is the current tax laws established in 2017 offered great assistance to small businesses. Between a 20% bonus to small business along with corporate tax rates dropping to 21%, small and mid-sized business where much better able to compete. Eliminating those small business tax incentives will devastate the small business community.

In many cases, government regulations are designed to maintain market stability, protect consumers, and ensure fair competition. However, enter the world of unintended consequences. These regulations often come with substantial compliance costs, which disproportionately affect small businesses. According to the SBA, small businesses bear a regulatory cost of \$11,700 per employee annually, 20% higher than the cost faced by large businesses. To be fair, small business doesn't have the advantage of economies of scale, they can't spread these costs over a larger revenue base. Small businesses struggle to absorb these costs, leading to reduced profitability, slower growth, and, in some cases, closure.

One of the most significant regulatory burdens on Main Street comes from compliance with complex tax codes. The U.S. tax system is notoriously

complicated, with small businesses spending an average of 80 hours and \$5,000 annually on tax preparation alone.

This is time and money that could otherwise be invested in business expansion, employee wages, or product development. In contrast, large corporations have teams of accountants and lawyers to navigate these complexities, allowing them to minimize their tax liabilities and reinvest savings into their operations.

Healthcare regulations are another area where small businesses are disproportionately affected. The Affordable Care Act, imposed significant costs on small businesses. Companies with 50 or more employees are required to provide health insurance or face penalties. For a business operating on thin margins, this can be a substantial financial burden. A 2018 survey by the NSBA found that 71% of small businesses cited healthcare costs as a major concern, with many reporting that they had to reduce hiring or cut employee hours to afford compliance with the ACA.

Environmental regulations also present challenges. These regulations often require costly upgrades to equipment, facilities, and processes. Large corporations can more easily absorb these costs or pass them on to consumers. However, small businesses on Main Street often lack the capital to make such investments, leading to fines, reduced competitiveness, or even business closure.

While regulations impose significant burdens on Main Street, they often inadvertently incentivize Wall Street activities. Large corporations and financial institutions, with vast resources, are better equipped to influence regulatory outcomes through lobbying. As per OpenSecrets, the financial sector spent \$2.9 billion on lobbying in 2020 alone. This lobbying power allows Wall Street to shape regulations benefitting large corporations, at the expense of smaller competitors.

The complexity of financial regulations like the Dodd-Frank Act, introduced in 2008, creates barriers to entry that protect established financial institutions

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A Great Day to be a Cowboy

Any day's a great day to be a cowboy don't matter the heat nor the cold when your settin' a straddle a saddle on a pony who feels kind' a bold

You set the rocks all to rollin' and the brush tears at your face you duck your head so your hat takes the blows spur up to stay in the chase

Any day is a great day to be a cowboy but 'specially at brandin' time when you fling your ol' catch rope with hope your loop swings to that ancient rhyme

The smell of smoke is in your nose the calf bellers play the tune you ignore the aches and pains and rejoice as you work to that ancient rune

Any day is a great day to be a cowboy like in summer when ridin' for "crip's" as you and your horse race past their face lay your rope right over their hip's

To trip and tie 'em down for the shot so their bad eye or hoof will heal as you turn them loose full of get better juice your glad, doctorin's part of the deal

Yes, any day is a great day to be a cowboy it beats any other job all to hell you wear a little smirk while your at your work tho' your saddened there's no one to tell

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SCOUTING REPORT | Shearing sheep

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Besides being tasty, sheep have the added benefit of providing humankind with wool. And now the South Dakota State University Research and Teaching Unit in Brookings will be offering a sheep shearing school.

The classes will take place



Oct. 12-14 and are taught by professional sheep shearers.

Participants will get hands-on training in safely handling animals, maintaining equipment, wool quality and how to manage a shearing business.

The class is \$200. Lest you think that is a lot of money, sheep shearing is a coveted skill that pays good money.

Jaelyn Whaley, an SDSU Extension sheep field specialist, said the class is a great opportunity to learn from world-class professionals.

"They really are learning from the best," she said.

She recommends the class for sheep producers and those who want to do it professionally.

Besides training, there will be networking opportunities with people in the industry.

In 2022, there were 1.75 million pounds of wool produced in South Dakota at a total value of about \$2.1 million, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service.

More sheep shearers are needed for the region, Whaley said. "If somebody's willing to travel to different operations, it's definitely an opportunity," Whaley said. "You can do as much or as little as you want to."

For more information, contact Whaley at 605-374-4177 or Jaelyn.Whaley@sdstate.edu..

VIEWPOINT | How similar are Harris and Trump's economic policies?

Column by **Veronique de Rugy**

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As we approach another pivotal election, voters are once again being bombarded with messaging that paints the two main candidates as opposites.

We're told Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump represent radically different visions for America's economic future.

They don't. When it comes to economic policy, there's far less daylight between Harris and Trump than either would care to admit.

Let's start with trade policy. Trump's protectionist stance is well-known, with his administration imposing tariffs on a wide range of goods, particularly from China.

He has since announced that he would like to impose an across-the-board 10 percent and then 20 percent tariff on imports to the U.S., on top of the those already in place.

But Harris' stance is hardly better. She has embraced a "worker-centered" trade policy that looks suspiciously similar to Trump's "America First" approach.

Both emphasize protecting existing American jobs and



industries, even at the cost of higher prices for beleaguered consumers, fewer resources to start new firms that will lead to more opportunity for the next generation of workers, and reduced economic efficiency.

And let's not forget that during the last four years, the Biden-Harris administration has imposed its fair share of tariffs while keeping many of Trump's.

Both candidates have a penchant for industrial policy — the idea that government should actively shape the details of the economy by supporting specific industries or companies.

Trump's efforts to prop up the steel industry and other handpicked companies are mirrored by Harris' push for green energy subsidies and tax credits.

The Biden administration has extended many huge sums

to the business world through large-scale legislation, including the Inflation Reduction Act's \$1.2 trillion in subsidies through 2032.

Also, let's not forget that both parties favor giving away billions of dollars in subsidies to Intel through the CHIPS Act for the construction of semiconductors in the United States.

Never mind that Intel is laying off thousands of workers because of its string of bad business decisions in the last 15 years. In too many arenas today, we see the government attempting to play economic kingmaker, a role it has historically performed poorly. Yet, both Harris and Trump think that's a good idea.

Unsurprisingly, when it comes to government spending, both candidates are reckless. While the Republicans pay some lip service to cutting waste and abuse, neither Trump nor Harris appears willing to reform the utterly unsustainable financing behind Social Security and Medicare — not even to preserve these programs for lower-income Americans.

Not only that, but we will have a catastrophic debt crisis if they're not reformed, yet neither candidate cares.

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lican platform advocates for the government to "promote homeownership through Tax Incentives."

The Harris campaign has announced a \$25,000 subsidy for first-time homebuyers. Both plans would subsidize housing demand, thus putting upward pressure on housing prices. Great for people who already own homes; not so great for the new homebuyers themselves.

There are notable differences between the GOP and Democrats' positions on regulations, taxes and immigration, but diminishing the ideological distinction is Republicans' new fondness for labor unions.

The Harris campaign, meanwhile, echoes some other Trump-Vance policies, like the desire for enormous and unfunded child tax credits and the elimination of federal income taxes on tips. And I'll bet we can expect more equally irresponsible fiscal gestures in the weeks to come.

Why does this matter? For one thing, the result of so many tired and tried ideas is ballooning deficits, conybit and exploding national debt, regardless of who sits in the Oval Office.

For another, voters deserve to understand the choice before

them.

The media narrative of stark contrasts hides the fundamental similarities in each candidate's approaches to economic policy. Both Harris and Trump represent variations on a theme of big, fiscally irresponsible, hyper-interventionist government. Yes, Trump would deregulate some part of the economy (the best part of his economic plan), but in the end, neither the Republican nor Democratic candidate believes in comprehensive market-oriented reforms.

Libertarian candidate Chase Oliver does understand the power of free markets, the danger of unchecked government growth, and the importance of fiscal responsibility. But he is relegated to the background of this political fight. On the main stage, we're left with the illusion of choice between two sides of the same economically interventionist coin.

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South Dakota's top 5 campaign war chests

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 What it means for 2026: Fundraising sheds light on what could be one of the state's most contested and consequential election cycles.

South Dakota Republican Sen. John Thune has the largest political war chest of any U.S. senator, topping the \$20 million mark even though he's not up for re-election until 2028.

Rep. Dusty Johnson, the state's lone congressman, ranks 18th in the U.S. House of Representatives with nearly \$5 million, despite being heavily favored in his 2024 race against Democratic challenger Sheryl Johnson.

These fundraising efforts reveal ambitions beyond the Nov. 5 election, as Thune pursues the job of Republican Senate leader

in Washington and Johnson positions himself to run for South Dakota governor in 2026.

There will also be a U.S. Senate election that year because Sen. Mike Rounds' term is up, and Johnson's exit would open the U.S. House seat. That makes 2026 potentially one of the most contested and consequential cycles in recent state history.

The best way to chart the ambitions of those seeking office is to follow the money.

News Watch used Federal Elections Commission data to rank the top five political war chests in South Dakota as of the last reporting date, June 30. The rankings encompass cash-in-hand amounts from principal campaign committees and federal and state political action committees (PACs).

Gov. Kristi Noem

Another factor is the future of Noem, who would hand the reins to Lt. Gov. Larry Rhoden in the hypothetical scenario of Trump winning the presidency and offering Noem a job in his administration.

That would make 65-year-old Rhoden the incumbent and potentially a more formidable foe, though not one feared by Johnson. True to his reputation as a lifetime political junkie, the third-term congressman has envisioned and gamed out all possible scenarios and has ample cash on hand to put his plans in motion.

Fundraising sources:
 Kristi for Governor (campaign committee): \$2,141,641
 Kristi PAC (Leadership PAC): \$932,768
 Total: \$3,074,409
 Summary:

Despite being a lame-duck governor whose term expires in 2026, Noem still had more than \$2 million in her campaign committee and nearly \$1 million in her leadership PAC as of the last reporting date.

That means she can mobilize quickly to run for another office if needed. But the uncertainty of her immediate future – complicated by a damaged political brand after her ill-fated book launch – makes her a wildcard in South Dakota politics.

Noem's goal to become Trump's vice presidential nominee was dashed after negative reaction to her book, "No Going Back," including revelations about Noem killing an unruly family hunting dog and seem-

ingly fabricating a meeting with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un.

But Trump has not totally cast her aside, and informal Noem adviser Corey Lewandowski is back on the Trump campaign team. Conventional wisdom has the governor looking for an exit ramp that a Republican presidency could provide.

If Trump loses, things really get interesting.

As one political insider put it, "when the music stops, (Noem) is going to have to find a chair." The most logical campaign path would be seeking Rounds' Senate seat in 2026.

In a traditional GOP primary format, she could run to the right of Rounds and probably get Trump's endorsement, which combined with her war chest and political savvy would be a lot for Rounds to over-

come.

But if the open primary amendment passes, Rounds would likely face Noem in a top-two general election fight. That's more to his advantage as Democratic and independent voters would join Republicans in choosing between Noem and an incumbent senator who has distinguished himself on veterans issues and distanced himself from MAGA-style rhetoric.

The other question is whether Noem still has her fastball as a political force in South Dakota after criticism and mockery of her book launch came from all sides of the political and media spectrum.

In a May poll co-sponsored by News Watch, nearly two-thirds of South Dakotans said the governor damaged her credibility, and nearly half said they have an unfavorable view of the second-term Republican.



Sen. John Thune has attended fundraisers and campaign events for Senate candidates such as Dave McCormick of Pennsylvania, Bernie Moreno of Ohio, Eric Hovde of Wisconsin and Sam Brown (Nevada). (Photo: Argus Leader)

Campaign committees are authorized by a candidate to accept contributions and make expenditures on behalf of a political campaign. Leadership PACs are used by federal officeholders to support candidates within their political party.

The rankings do not include super PACs, which are free from the donation limits of campaign committees and standard PACs but cannot be used to directly benefit individual political campaigns.

News Watch spoke to candidates, political consultants and campaign finance experts to get a sense of what's happening behind the scenes as South Dakota officeholders envision their future beyond this November.

Below are the top five and what their fundraising says about their next moves.

Fundraising sources:
 Friends of John Thune (campaign committee): \$18,518,498

Heartland Values PAC (leadership PAC): \$1,385,624

Commonsense Conservative Values (leadership PAC): \$201,278

Total: \$20,105,400

Summary: Thune, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate, is focused on succeeding Mitch McConnell as GOP Senate leader, which would represent one of the highest political levels achieved by a South Dakotan.

Former Democratic Sen. Tom Daschle served as both minority leader and majority leader before being ousted from the Senate by Thune in a landmark 2004 election.

"Members of leadership have dual motivation to advance their party and raise their own status within the party," said researcher Andrew

Mayersohn of Open Secrets, a government transparency group that tracks money in politics.

"They have two good reasons to raise massive sums of money, more than what an ordinary senator might raise."

As McConnell's right-hand man as minority whip, Thune is well-positioned to win the job over fellow contenders Sens. John Cornyn of Texas and Rick Scott of Florida. The next leader will be chosen by secret ballot among the caucus of Republican senators on Nov. 13, the week after the election.

The ability to raise money for fellow Republicans as the party seeks to regain control of the Senate is a prerequisite for the leadership position, and Thune has been active in that regard.

In addition to his Friends of John Thune campaign committee, which ranks first among U.S. senators with \$18.5 million, the 63-year-old Murdo native is tied to New Heights Action, a super PAC established to boost Senate Republicans by funding travel and events.

New Heights Action raised and spent more than \$3 million last quarter, including \$1 million from Republican mega-donor Stephen Schwarzman, chairman and CEO of the Blackstone Group, a global private equity firm.

Thune has attended fundraisers for Senate candidates such as Dave McCormick of Pennsylvania, Bernie Moreno of Ohio, Eric Hovde of Wisconsin and Sam Brown of Nevada, all nonincumbents seeking to flip seats in battleground states.

His interest lies in not only seizing the Senate majority but earning the votes of those candidates for leader if they win their races and become new members.

Sen. Mike Rounds

Fundraising sources:

Rounds for Senate (campaign committee): \$1,619,386

Peter Norbeck Leadership PAC (leadership PAC): \$419,536

Total: \$2,038,922

Summary:

Rounds doesn't have nearly the financial muscle of Thune because he's not involved in the Senate leadership fight and wasn't seriously challenged in his last primary or general election in 2020.

Rounds has \$1.6 million in his campaign committee fund, with maximum individual donations coming from Blackstone CEO Schwarzman and his wife, Christine. Such donations are

not unique for the Wall Street executive, who gave more than \$35 million to GOP congressional candidates in 2022.

Rounds' Peter Norbeck Leadership PAC disbursed more than \$230,000 over the past 18 months to support the National Republican Senatorial Committee and Republicans in key Senate races, including Tim Sheehy of Montana, who is seeking to oust Democratic incumbent Sen. Jon Tester.

Rounds will need to elevate his own campaign fund and reinvestigate in-state support if he plans to fight for his Senate seat in what could be a competitive race. In 2020, he cruised through the GOP primary and defeated Democratic challenger

Dan Ahlers with 66% of the vote in the general.

There has also been speculation that Rounds would consider running for governor as a means of returning home to Pierre, where he served as a state legislator and was South Dakota governor from 2003-2011.

But the 69-year-old, whose wife, Jean, died of cancer in 2021, has embraced his role in the Senate serving on Armed Services, Banking and Indian Affairs committees. He might be further motivated to stay if Republicans regain the majority and fellow South Dakotan Thune takes over as leader.

Fundraisers/Jackley
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South Dakota Sen. Mike Rounds speaks during an event to celebrate the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System's connection to Madison on Aug. 21, 2024. (Photo: Mike Rounds Facebook)

Rep. Dusty Johnson

Fundraising sources:
 Friends of Dusty Johnson (campaign committee): \$4,665,427

Dakota Leadership PAC (federal): \$169,738

Dusty PAC (statewide): \$98,795

Total: \$4,933,960

Summary:

It's been a poorly kept secret for nearly two years in state political circles that Johnson is running for governor in 2026 while staying focused on his House re-election race this November.

The 47-year-old Pierre native has tried to position himself as the clear Republican choice to succeed Gov. Kristi Noem by hitting up major in-state donors and conducting private polling to show he has the edge on potential rivals.

Johnson's campaign committee total of more than \$4.6

million puts him 18th among current U.S. Congress members. That's unusually high for a South Dakotan whose re-election race is deemed "solid Republican" by nearly every national prognosticator.

The campaign fund has doubled since January 2023, reflecting a robust 18 months of fundraising activity.

Notable individuals donating the per-election maximum of \$3,300 include POET CEO Jeff Broin and his wife, Tammie; former rail executive and ex-South Dakota Board of Regents member Kevin Schieffer; orthopedic surgeon and former state legislator Blake Curd; and Sioux Falls businessmen such as Tom Everist, Paul Schock, Steve Kirby and Dick Sweetman.

Johnson, a former adviser to Govs. Rounds and Dennis Daugaard who was elected to the Public Utilities Commission

at age 28, hopes to solidify support among these and other key donors not just for campaign cash but to discourage challengers by seizing the mantle of front-runner.

Still, there are potential roadblocks in a state where Republican sentiments are trending more toward Donald Trump-style populism than Johnson's conventional GOP approach, which focuses on budget austerity, rural economic development and agricultural trade.

The fact that former Rapid City state legislator Taffy Howard drew 41% of the 2022 primary vote by blasting Johnson as soft on issues such as border security and election integrity was a warning sign – and perhaps an opportunity for someone to fill the hard-right lane in the gubernatorial race.

"I'm never going to be scared of a primary," Dusty

Johnson told News Watch last fall. "Anybody who thinks that by acting in a certain way they can gain a free pass doesn't understand modern politics. At some point, you just go do the right thing and figure out what

that means politically later."

If Amendment H passes in November, bringing top-two open primaries to South Dakota, that could make Johnson less vulnerable to the vagaries of his own party.



South Dakota Rep. Dusty Johnson addresses supporters after winning re-election in 2022. Johnson has almost \$5 million available to spend on campaigns. (Photo: Argus Leader)



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John Newby

from new competition. The cost of compliance with Dodd-Frank has been estimated at over \$36 billion for the financial industry.

While large banks can afford these costs, smaller banks and financial institutions often struggle, leading to consolidation in the industry and reduced competition. This consolidation further strengthens Wall Street's dominance, as fewer, larger banks control a greater share of the market.

While many of the above were not designed to hurt small business, the unintended consequences cannot be ignored. Businesses on Main Street have never been in a more precarious position as they are now. Never has the future of small business

and by default small communities been under a great stress than now.

I am not even sure most realize the state of small business. While this is not a political column, the time has never been greater for small businesses to make their voices heard, it is literally a matter of life and death for the future of small business.

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VIEWPOINT | State wrong to outsource competency determinations for would-be lawyers

Guest column by Jun Byung Park, USD School of Law graduate

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I attended the University of South Dakota Law School and graduated in 2017.

Like many other USD law graduates, I have been denied admission into the South Dakota State Bar solely because of my inability to secure a passing score on the multiple-choice portion of the Bar Exam supplied by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE).

As was recently reported by the South Dakota Supreme Court's Steering Committee, "[n]early all of those who did not pass the bar exam passed the essay portion of the bar, but were unable to pass the multiple-choice portion of the bar exam."

I fall among that category of test takers.

There has recently been a growing national concern over the use of the NCBE's multiple choice questions.

Critics and commentators question this unchecked outsourcing of competency determinations to an entity that is neither subject to public disclosure requirements nor subject to monitoring by an outside agency.

According to a recent article published by the ABA Journal, only 23 jurisdictions have signed up for the Next Gener-

ation Exam being promulgated by the NCBE.

Why is this so? The article, entitled "Is the National Conference of Bar Examiners losing power?" is authored by Julianne Hill, Legal Affairs Writer for the ABA Journal.

Her reporting reveals a growing lack of confidence in the NCBE and recognizes that the outsourcing of test preparation is an improper delegation of authority.

Hill's article demonstrates that, typically, each state supreme court controls bar admissions directly through duly-appointed bar examiner committees, composed of lawyers or judges appointed by the state supreme court to serve a fixed term.

Quoting Marsha Griggs, president of the Association of Academic Support Educators and a Law Professor at Saint Louis University School of Law, Hill notes, "Their expertise is being a lawyer or possibly a judge.

It's not creating a standardized test. Many of them are absolutely not law professors, and their last experience with an exam was taking the bar themselves."

This holds true for South Dakota, where the Board of Bar Examiners is composed of five members, none of whom have experience as a law professor or in providing legal education. Similarly, none of the members



of the Steering Committee are law professors.

Keeping in mind that the NCBE is not required to make public disclosures and is not monitored by any outside source, Hill goes on to state, again quoting Griggs: "It is important to continually pay attention to what's happening with NCBE test products. 'I think it's wrong to put all or most of that power into the hands of a nongovernmental organization that's not subject to public disclosure or scrutiny. It's a danger,' [Griggs] says. 'With the power they have, if ever they acted in a way that was misguided, that's a problem for all of us.'"

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Attorney General Marty Jackley

Fundraising from C5

Fundraising source: Marty Jackley for Attorney General (campaign committee): \$392,230

Summary:

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley, who ran a competitive but unsuccessful gubernatorial primary against Noem in 2018, is strongly considering taking another run at the job in 2026.

His campaign committee total of about \$400,000 pales in comparison to Dusty Johnson's \$5 million, a source of consternation but not panic for the 53-year-old Sturgis native who previously served as South Dakota's U.S. attorney.

"I'm focused on being attorney general," Jackley told News Watch. "Other politicians may raise money and campaign (early), but I have a busy job. And I think the best politics that I can do is to perform in that job the best I can. I've shown that I can raise money in a short period of time, and it's primarily local money. I'm not going to be controlled by anybody."

Jackley's campaign raised about \$2 million for his 2018 primary battle with Noem, which ended with her drawing 56% of the vote.

He was elected in 2022 to serve a fourth term as attorney general, running unopposed in the general election.

The consensus is that Jackley would need at least \$1 million in campaign cash to challenge Johnson in a traditional primary and that it's a reachable number.

Jackley's strident stances opposing abortion and supporting gun ownership have endeared him to South Dakota's ultraconservatives, some of whom are less convinced of Johnson's devotion to the cause.

In the 2022 primary, Howard attacked Johnson for voting to block Trump's national emergency declaration for the Southern border in 2019 and Johnson's opposition to stripping Wyoming's Liz Cheney, one of Trump's harshest GOP critics, of her House leadership position. Cheney was later defeated in her 2022 House primary by more than 37 points.

If the open primary constitutional amendment passes, a potential one-on-one battle between Johnson and Jackley would be decided by the general electorate, which would favor a well-run, well-funded establishment campaign.

One year away from ads being placed for a much-awaited governor's race, financial statements point toward Johnson having an edge. But despite his early efforts, the cycle has not yet begun.



Marty Jackley speaks at a town hall in Aberdeen in 2017 during a run for governor of South Dakota. (Photo: Aberdeen American News)

accountability has a bookend component: appointment and removal. Finding a solution to the problem is as old as government itself.

Historically, our nation has turned to structural remedies to overcome the problem of human fallibility. The Constitu-

tion reflects, precisely, such an effort. The concept of term limits for Supreme Court Justices, which we consider next week (visit TheDakotaScout.com), represents such an effort.

David Adler is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created

to promote the Constitution, gender equality and civic education.

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VIEWPOINT | Congressional impeachment powers meant to keep servants accountable

Guest column by David Adler, The Alturas Institute

From the www.thedakotascout.com

The doctrine of checks and balances, central to the success of American Constitutionalism, is designed to curb abuse of power and promote governmental accountability.

But the Constitution is not a machine that will run without good men and women at the helm.

When those in positions of authority and responsibility are reluctant to turn the wheels of checks and balances to constrain the judiciary, for example, there is little to deter misbehavior. Justice James Iredell, a member of the first Supreme Court, and one of the most penetrating thinkers of the founding period, told the North Carolina Ratifying Convention, "A man in public office who knows there is no tribunal to punish him, may be ready to deviate from his duty."

The Framers of the Constitution, for whom impeachment was designed as a "bridle" on the presidency and the federal judiciary, to ensure adherence to constitutional limitations was, Alexander Hamilton explained in Federalist No., 65, "designed as a method of NATIONAL INQUEST into the conduct of public men."

The integrity of the judicial process, the founders understood, is best preserved by judges committed to serving the public interest, which requires wisdom in the selection of those who will sit on the bench, as well as congressional willingness to investigate allegations of misconduct.

After the House impeachment and Senate conviction of Federal Judge Halsted Ritter in 1936, for his acceptance of substantial gifts from residents in his district, even though they had no business before him, on the premise that he brought his court into scandal and disrepute and undermined public confidence in the administration of justice, forthright senators explained the unlikelihood of future impeachment hearings into the acts of "crooked judges."

Sen. Hatton Summers, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, said of his colleagues, "We know they will not try district judges, and we can hardly ask them to do so." Members in both chambers bear many responsibilities.

The nature of the impeach-



David Adler

ment process interrupts important legislative business and places a considerable burden on those already overburdened by their duties.

As a result, members are reluctant to invoke the impeachment power. Sen. William McAdoo observed, "even in cases of flagrant misconduct." He concluded, grimly, that "the practical certainty that in a large majority of cases misconduct will never be visited with impeachment is a standing invitation for judges to abuse their authority with impunity and without fear of removal."

A young political scientist, later president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, anticipated this congressional reluctance in his 1885 classic, Congressional Government: "Congress is sometimes willing to suffer a misbehaving judge rather than stop the legislative activities of the United States."

Across the decades, scholars have weighed in with remedies to improve the removal process.

The late Philip Kurland, an eminent constitutional law scholar at the University of Chicago got it right, as he often did. The cure, he wrote, is to entrust judicial functions "only to those who are equal to their demands."

This was advocacy for perfection, as he well knew. "The basic difficulty is to secure recognition of the necessity for merit appointments. How this sense of responsibility is to be secured is a question that has not yet been answered." Kurland's emphasis on the need to instill an appreciation for "merit" in those with the power to put well-qualified people on the federal bench, a responsibility that falls on the shoulders of the president, who nominates, and the Senate, who confirms or rejects, nominees, is not endemic to the judiciary, but applies to all governmental departments.

While Professor Kurland pointed to the issue of appointment to judicial office, James Madison, in the First Congress, addressed the full scope of the problem of accountability confronting the nation. "The danger to liberty, the danger of maladministration has not yet been found to lie so much in the facility of introducing improper persons into office as in the difficulty of displacing those who are unworthy of public trust."

In truth, the problem of



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South Dakota Voter Guide

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Everything South Dakota voters need to know about statewide contests in the Nov. 5 general election: How to register and vote, what's at stake, and a way to ask questions and express what issues are important to them. The process of casting and counting votes has become a major point of discussion. Credible information can be hard to find.

The goal of this guide is to help South Dakota voters make decisions about the Nov. 5 general election and answer their questions about the process and what's on the ballot. Sources for this guide include the South Dakota Secretary of State's office and original reporting. It only includes information on statewide and legislative races. Details about local races can be found on each county auditor's website and local media outlets.

What's in this guide

Key election information, including dates, how to register, how to vote early, where to vote in person, when polls are open and what to bring when you vote.

Which candidates are on the ballot for the U.S. House of Representatives, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and state Legislature.

Explanations of seven ballot measures that would legalize abortion, change how voters choose candidates through the use of open primaries, require people to work to receive Medicaid, remove gender references in state law, eliminate the grocery/consumables tax, legalize recreational marijuana use and keep or reject a state law on carbon pipelines.

Ways to ask questions about the voting process or ballot information.

Registering, voting and important dates

The South Dakota Secretary of State's website includes details about how to register to vote, where to vote and how to absentee vote if you're unable to cast a ballot on Election Day and other important information.

Key dates for 2024:

Sept. 20: Absentee voting

begins

Oct. 21: Voter registration deadline

Nov. 5: General election (polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time)

What to take when you vote:

All voters must show proof of identification or sign a personal identification affidavit at their polling place. Approved forms of photo identification include:

South Dakota driver's license or nondriver ID card

U.S. government photo ID such as a passport

U.S. Armed Forces ID

Current student photo identification card from a South Dakota high school or South Dakota accredited institution of higher education

Tribal photo ID

What's on the ballot

Here are the federal and state offices and ballot issues on the Nov. 5 ballot. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name. Party affiliations are Republican (R), Democratic (D), Independent (I) and Libertarian (L). Incumbents are noted with an asterisk (*).

Click on the subject line or toggle button (down arrow) below to reveal details for each contest.

U.S. President

U.S. House of Representatives

S.D. Public Utilities Commission

S.D. Legislature

Constitutional Amendment G:

Abortion

Constitutional Amendment H:

Open primaries

Constitutional Amendment F:

Medicaid work requirements

Constitutional Amendment E:

References to government officials

Initiated Measure 28: Grocery/consumables tax repeal

Initiated Measure 29: Recreational marijuana

Referred Law 21: Carbon pipeline regulations

Your voice matters

South Dakota News Watch wants to hear not just from the candidates but from the voters. What questions need to be asked of those who seek to lead our state? You can review and submit the form below to highlight issues you consider

most critical heading into the 2024 legislative and statewide elections.

U.S. President

Independent candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has suspended his campaign but will still appear on the South Dakota ballot. Here are the candidates for president listed with their running mate.

Kamala Harris/Tim Walz (D)

Robert F. Kennedy/Nicole Shanahan (I)

Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat (L)

Donald Trump/JD Vance (R)

U.S. House of Representatives

One of the 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington represents the entire state of South Dakota. Here are the candidates for that federal office.

*Dusty Johnson (R)

The 47-year-old Pierre native is seeking a fourth term in the U.S. House after previous stints as chief of staff to former South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Public Utilities Commissioner. Johnson is chair of the Main Street Caucus in Washington and serves on the Agriculture and Transportation/Infrastructure Committees as well as the Select Committee on China. Johnson is a fiscal conservative whose campaign has focused on border security, anti-abortion legislation and Second Amendment rights.

Sheryl Johnson (D)

Johnson is a former Republican who said she switched parties after the GOP "shifted away from the ideals of freedom, inclusion, personal responsibility and fiscal responsibility." The mother of four daughters grew up in northeast Iowa but has lived in Sioux Falls for nearly three decades, working for the school system and running a small business. She ran for the state legislature in District 11 three times (twice for House and once for Senate) but lost to Republicans each time.

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and other projects and handles other duties. The PUC elects its three public utilities commissioners to staggered, six-year terms. Here are the candidates for that state office.

*Kristie Fiegen (R)

Fiegen currently serves as chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission. The Chancellor native was appointed to the PUC by Gov. Dennis Daugaard in 2011 and was re-elected in 2012 and 2018. She also served in the South Dakota House of Representatives from 1994 to 2001. Fiegen holds leadership roles in the Southwest Power Pool, a nonprofit organization that manages electric transmission for parts of 14 states, including South Dakota.

A. Gideon Oakes (L)

Oakes is a small business owner in Keystone who has been elected twice to the town board in that community. He has also served on the boards of the Black Hills & Badlands

Association and United Way of the Southern Black Hills.

"I want to help ensure that my children and grandchildren grow up with infrastructure that is both secure and up to date," he said of his PUC candidacy.

Forrest Wilson (D)

Wilson is the club director for the Boys & Girls Club of Lead-Deadwood and was nominated for PUC by the South Dakota Democratic Party. He attended Northwest College in Wyoming and received his Associate of Arts degree from Chadron State College in Nebraska. "South Dakotans deserve a Public Utilities Commissioner who will advocate for the everyday utility rate payer," Wilson said in a statement.

"Right now, we don't have that."

Additional SD races, ballot issues and voting decisions will be in next week's September 18, 2024 Beacon.

Stay Tuned!



Sioux Falls resident collects her "I Voted" sticker after submitting her 2024 South Dakota primary ballot at the Instructional Planning Center in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. (Photo: Stu Whitney / South Dakota News Watch)

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- 60 Batrachian
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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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NEWELL-During the Labor Day Celebration in Newell, local businesses, contestants, and individuals showed up in a BIG way. The Newell Community Club has been raising money to rebuild the Arena Grandstand. These folks generously contributed to help reach the grandstand goal.

Ray Halderson, from Black Iron Forge, donated a hand forged knife. Butte County Equipment's Aaron Lindskov was the first to bid on the knife, and he donated it back to be resold. Harold Miller, Lyle & Darcy Long, Jessi Skavang, and Brad Tisdall continued this process until \$1850 was raised. Mr. Halderson also donated a campfire cook set that he made. Jim Palo bid \$950 for the cook set to add to the Grandstand Fund.

Brian and Leah Gall donated a beautiful Newell Labor Day 2024 metal sign that they designed and painted. Again, Butte County Equipment started the bid and rolled it over. Scott Crowser, Boylan Ranch, St. Onge Livestock, Mackaben Ranch, Mackaben Excavating, Jessi Skavang, and Joe Burke jumped on board and generously raised \$5300.

The Dakota Life Christian Center, led by Pastor Terri Blanchett, worked diligently to help make the new grandstand a reality by selling raffle tickets for 2 half beefs. Hundreds of raffle tickets were sold, and Danelle Mutchler and Anna Marie Hostetter were the lucky winners. The Dakota Life Christian Center congregation didn't stop there. They hosted a lunch at the NVN Center after the parade. The two events netted a whopping \$5000!

All these big-hearted donations and kind participants brought our total Labor Day

All Sizes Were Found at the Newell Labor Day Parade



The Labor Day parade featured many fun characters and floats. Here, a little boy drives his mini tractor. Heitz photo

contributions to our Grandstand Fund to \$12,150. The Newell Community Club wants to thank everyone for all your support, hard work, and generosity.

Right: Brian and Leah Gall donated this beautiful Newell Labor Day 2024 metal sign.

Below: Ray Halderson from Black Iron Forge donated a hand forged knife.

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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This week started off with temperatures in the 100 degrees but it cooled off with the temperature of 38 degrees on Friday morning. We were supposed to get rain one day this week, but that didn't happen. Thank God there hasn't been any fires close to here.

Sadly, there are more deaths to report: Kenneth M. Randall, Jr. age 93, of Prairie City, passed away in Colorado on August 29. Funeral services for Ken will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, at the Beckman Memorial Wesleyan Church in Prairie City. Pastor Brad Burkhalter will officiate with burial and military honors to follow at the Prairie City Cemetery.

Joyce Veal, 92, passed away Friday, August 30, at the Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. Her funeral services were on Saturday at the

Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Bison with burial at the Chance Cemetery.

Joan Engraf, age 81, of Hettinger, passed away on Wednesday, September 4, at the West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger. Memorial services for Joan will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, at the Hettinger Lutheran Church in Hettinger. Burial will follow in the Hettinger Cemetery.

As usual, I made a mistake in my column last week when I said that Pastor Dana Coyle was from Minnesota but he and his family live not far from Chicago, Illinois. I should have someone proof read my column because I goof up often!

Monday was Labor Day and I went to Buffalo to drive Sam Marty's pickup in the parade that morning so he could throw candy out to the kids along the parade route. We ate lunch at the REC Center

before Sam went home and I went to the rodeo to watch the bull dogging. Our grandson Taz Olson won a little money with 5th place that day and he won the Match on Saturday. After the bull dogging was over, I left the rodeo because it was too hot and when I headed home the thermometer in my pickup registered 102 degrees!

Copper and Knox went back to school on Tuesday but school didn't start until 10:00 so it was a shorter day. Kelli Doll brought them home from the bus at Reva and I picked them up at Doll's mailbox.

Reub and I had a long day on Wednesday when we drove the red pickup we bought from Terry Lien to take a cylinder off the backhoe up to Stelter Repair at New Leipzig, North Dakota to get it fixed. There was heavy smoke from the Canadian wildfires when we left New Leipzig to drive to Hettinger making it hard to see very far. After we left Hettinger we stopped at home to get some papers and then drove to Buffalo to get a new title and license plates for the red pickup. When we got home we had put almost 303 miles on the pickup! While we were gone, Missy drove the pickup and trailer full of horses so Casey and Taz could trail the cattle home from the Horse Creek pasture and since that's a long trip horseback, they got

home about the same time we did.

We get two magazines that I would think everyone should get. The first one is "Range Magazine, The Cowboy Spirit on America's Outback" and there was a great article in the last issue, "Who Are We?" written by Chris Conrad about the greatest generation and Jim Bridger and the sad direction our country is headed with this government. The "South Dakota Magazine" is other one we get and in the last magazine there is a picture on the front cover of Tom Miller, Mike Haines, and Tye Hale sharing a laugh while sorting cattle at Tom and Vivian Miller's branding near Red Owl. The photo was taken by Greg Latza, a guy from East River who fell in love with West River and writes a lot about our here.

Amanda took Copper and Knox to school Thursday morning and then Amanda and Sydney Turbiville left to drive to a ZYIA conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Reub was spraying weeds up at Horse Creek again that day. Casey and Taz were busy working on the well in the sheep pasture so I stayed with the twins and River Lu while they were taking their naps that afternoon. Missy had gone to the Hills that day and she and Casey went to the volleyball games with Lemmon in Buffalo that evening because Missy's brother Brian Dreiske

has a daughter that plays for Lemmon.

Reub went spraying weeds again on Friday and the guys hauled lambs to the sale barn to sell while Grandma Starla Jensen took care of River and the twins. Copper and Knox went to town with the trucks.

Nate Beck, the vet from Baker came to preg test the cows on Saturday and Clint Doll, Sam Larson, and Ron and Jace Jensen came to help Casey and Taz over at the east place and here in the arena. Copper and Knox rode horseback to help Casey and Taz gather all the cows at the different places and Kami and little Keen Jensen came down that afternoon to watch the testing.

Three birthdays to report this week: Our youngest son Sage had a birthday on Tuesday, September 3, Elaine Doll Dunn had her birthday on Saturday, September 7, and our oldest son Casey had a birthday on Sunday, September 8. Happy Birthday to them all!

We constantly hear about how Social Security is going to run out of money. But we never hear about welfare or food stamps running out of money? What's interesting is the one group "worked for" their money, but the other did not. Think about it.. Am I the only one missing something? money, but the other did not. Think about it. Am I the only one missing something?

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

by Linda Velder

September 10, 1914

E. A. Ritter, who owns one of the finest farms in Butte County, has received application from the South Dakota Panama Exposition Committee for permission to take several photographic views of his place, it being considered by them as one of the 100 best farms in the State.

Mr. D. F. Hunkins who resides on the 40 adjoining the Townsite on the south, has a pond and a number of tame ducks. His ducks have attracted the wild duck so that many times during the past 3 weeks the pond has contained

John Graber has been taking measurements and looking over the lay of the land in the Horse Creek District, pending drainage operations.

The family feud on the line of Butte and Meade counties, northeast of Newell, is becoming serious, according to reports drifting from that territory. Overzealous friends of both principals interested in the affair and that firearms are being "packed" around in a threatening manner. Last week a bunch of horses which had been corralled at the Russel Ranch on Sulphur Creek were liberated during the night and driven away by a large party of horsemen who

September 7, 1944

Charles Munroe has just acquired another valuable addition to his museum of fossils and unique rock specimens on display in his barber shop. It is part of the jawbone of some mammoth prehistoric animal, with one well-preserved tooth about the size of a man's fist. The relic was sent to him by Fr. O'Hora of Faith, well known here as former Catholic Pastor in Newell.

At the September 5 meeting of City Commission, all voted to be in compliance with recommendation from South Dakota Board of Health, to purchase a Hyperchlorinator to safeguard and render the municipal water more fit for human consumption. The matter of sealing and repainting the interior of the water tower was brought to the attention of the Board, but action was delayed until later in the fall.

On Monday, a pack of stray dogs entered the T. J. Broadhurst pens near his warehouse and killed or fatally injured 14 head of sheep. Only 1 of the dogs had been identified and killed at last report. Butte County dog owners, particularly those whose animals have been officially warned, that dogs are becoming a serious menace and that steps are being taken to see that no more such property destruction takes place from that source.

September 9, 1954

The highlight of the Labor Day celebration was the Polo exhibition: Eight chuckers of 'round robin polo were played with the Alkali team taking top honors. Leroy Thompson, Marvin and Bud Aga outscored Albert Jarvis, Cecil and Milton Morell playing for Fairpoint

are said to have been "armed to the teeth". Several saddles were confiscated by them and burned, so the story goes. So far, no charges have been filed or arrests made to date.

September 13, 1934

Officials of the Methodist Evangelical Church are complaining about young boys throwing stones and breaking windows in the church building. It is pointed out that the large colored panes are very expensive and beyond the means of church officials to replace. Parents are asked to speak to their children about this serious matter.

Several Newell men are going to Rapid City this coming Sunday to participate in the West River Horseshoe Pitching Contest. This is an annual event, and each year attracts entrants from all points in western South Dakota.

Mr. Wray, proprietor of the Wray Binding Company, Lincoln, Nebraska, is in Newell this week repairing school-books for the Newell, Vale and Nisland Schools. The work is being done in the small school building recently moved into town from the country.

September 4, 1924

The City of Newell was the playground on Labor Day for 100's of visitors who came from all points of the compass to join our citizens in a holiday of outdoor pastimes and games. The members of Frank Ross Post, American Legion, are entitled to much credit for the successful manner in which the celebration was carried out. The city's benefit are the 60 flags used for decoration of the Business District streets.

Mr. Walker, a government drainage surveyor, assisted by



After the inspection of 1924, of the drainage problem on the Irrigation Project, the drain ditches were dug all over the Project. Newell Museum

large flocks of wild ducks. As a result, sneak thief hunters have been visiting the pond and all hours of the night in order to avoid the Game Warden and Mrs. Hunkins says she doesn't intend to lose any more sleep on that account if the Game Warden will do his duty,

To sell or for exchange 16 acres near Newell, 10 acres irrigated, \$18,000 in improvements and 20 acres under cultivation. Will sell for \$120 per acre or will exchange for good improved dry land of equal value. State what you have in your first letter. Address: Department A, c/o Valley Irrigator.



Methodist Church that young fellows enjoyed breaking the windows by throwing stones. picture taken around 1934. Newell Museum

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2-0 in each of 2 chuckers and in 2 others defeated Fred Glover, Richard Orwick and Jack Smeenk playing for Twilight 1-0 and Merle Poole, Jim and Richard Orwick of Twilight 2-0. The first Twilight line-up also combined to outscore Ray Kittelson, Bill Miles and Bob Dow for Newell 3-1, while Twilight line-up lost by the same count to Miles and Dow for Newell scored 2 goals to a single by Jarvis, Delmar Brink and Dave Morell for Fairpoint. The 8th chucker saw Jack Smeenk, Richard Orwick and Fred Glover mark up a 2-0 count over Milton Morell, Kettelson and Brink.

Larry Scoggin, son of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Scoggin of Alzada, Montana and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Wm Youngberg, is in the West River Crippled Children's Hospital at Hot springs, with contracted polio. But at latest reports are that is somewhat improving.

A curfew Ordinance of the City of Newell declaring it unlawful for children of ages 16 or less to be wandering, playing or loitering on the streets, alleys or other public places in the city between the hours of 9 PM and 6 AM unless accompanied by a person of lawful age in charge of same or with written permission of parents. The Ordinance further provided that the city curfew to be sounded at 9:00 each night by "a slow taps on the city fire bell consecutively". The Commission took no action

on the matter.

September 3, 1964

Busiest place in Newell Sunday was the Municipal Airport, when Darrel's Flying Service and local pilots were host to Rapid City pilots who enjoyed a fly-in here with their airplanes. The planes varied from the latest models to one antique and another home-made job. The pilots, who have no formal organization, make it a practice to visit various towns and cities at fly-ins during various times of the year and enjoying ideal weather here, announced they would be back for a similar visit at the same time next year.

Russell Peacock, 11, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Peacock of Newell returned Monday from Minneapolis, Minn, where he had been a guest of the Minneapolis Tribune at the Minnesota State Fair. Russell spent from Friday until Monday there. He won the trip by selling the most subscriptions to the newspaper.

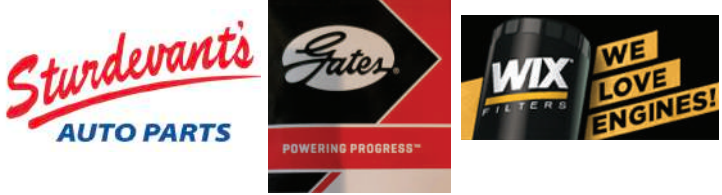
Mrs. Andy Syverts was hostess of Newell Garden Club Friday afternoon. During the business meeting final plans were made for holding the Annual Flower Show on Labor Day. The show will be in the lower level of the IOOF Hall. Everyone is cordially invited to bring flowers, already arranged if possible and view the displays. After which the time was spent socially. The next meeting will be September 24

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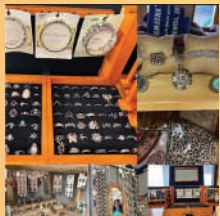
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Words of Wisdom from Dr. Pandi Pittman



local emergency medical teams while temporary live preservation action can be taken with the AED.

Newell School District host sports and physical activities where the risk of cardiac events might be increased, and immediate response is required. Schools have a large population of students, staff, and visitors, which means the likelihood of encountering a medical emergency is higher. In the event of sudden cardiac arrest, having an AED on-site can significantly increase the chances of survival. The device helps restore a normal heart rhythm through electric shocks.

Newell School District can further care for the students and staff. Regular CPR training of staff and understanding of the AED units' use provides a safe and healthy environment for everyone. Thank you to Kurt and Sherry Hocking for donating the alarm cabinets and installing them for our safety.

The Newell Community is a Cardiac Ready community thanks to the hard work and commitment from the Newell Ambulance Service. Newell School District has two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in each gymnasium secured in alarm cabinets supplied by Kurt and Sherry Hocking. Implementing AEDs in schools is a proactive measure that can save lives and provide peace of mind for students, parents, and staff.

AEDs provide a way to quickly address sudden cardiac arrest, where the heart unexpectedly stops beating. The alarm cabinets connect to the

Books Books Books Newell Library Has Many Treasures

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NEWELL-When was the last time you were in the Newell Library? There are more than 25,000 books to choose from ranging from the young readers to more seasoned ones. Definitely something for everyone!

The Newell Library also has access to the Internet and computer usage. Patrons are able to search for any information at their fingertips.

There is an opportunity for those who are visually impaired to read and search with projectors that expand the words on a page. The Enhanced Vision

screens enable those who would not ordinarily read.

Newell Librarian Lorrie Olson has plans for the library that include Story Time SD. Books will be read by local politicians who are encouraging youngsters to read. Mark the calendar for November 8 and plan to be there.

Olson also plans on a "Book Tasting." An event that allows participants to check out a majority of genres. There is no date yet for this project so watch the Newell Happenings calendar in the Irrigator.

Expand your horizons and take a look at a book-see one out, turn the pages, and enjoy!



Here's What's Happening in Newell!

Saturday Mornings

Farmer's Market
8-1, South Park, until frost

Newell Library Reading Program

Read 1000 books before Kindergarten. Every 100 read wins a prize!

Wednesday

Story Time with Patty
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday,
11 a.m. All ages welcome

Newell Library Hours

Open Monday, Wednesday,
Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 2) NO SCHOOL	3) Maple Baked French Toast Squares, Cereal, FF, Juice, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Fruit, Milk	4) French Toast Sticks, Long Johns, Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Alfredo, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, Milk	5) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Turkey Pot Pie, Fruit, Milk	6) NO SCHOOL
9) Pancakes, Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Nachos, Black Beans, Corn, Fruit, Milk	10) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Burgers/Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	11) Breakfast Burritos, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Ham or Turkey Hoagies, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit, Milk	12) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Hamburger Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Milk	13) NO SCHOOL
16) Breakfast Quiche with Cheese & Veggies, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Shredded Pork Sandwich, Corn, Carrot Salad, Fruit, Milk	17) Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chicken Fajitas, Black Beans, Fruit, Milk	18) Pancake Wraps, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Walking Tacos, Black Beans, Veggies, Fruit, Milk	19) Egg Patties, Wheat Toast, Jelly/PB, Juice, Fruit, Milk Mini Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	20) NO SCHOOL
23) Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pork Tamale Pie, Pasta Salad, Fruit, Milk	24) Long Johns/Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Sloppy Joes, Corn, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	25) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk	26) Hash Brown Eggs, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk Chili, Broccoli Salad, Sweet Rolls, Fruit, Milk	27) NO SCHOOL

Menu is subject to change!

Middle School and High School have access to fresh Salad Bar
Soup is offered daily for Middle and High School

VALE COMMUNITY CLUB'S CRAFT FAIR

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2024

10AM - 3PM

VALE COMMUNITY HALL



LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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Labor Day Ranch Rodeo Results

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The Ranch Rodeo and Calcutta provided entertainment for the crowd and a way for viewers to see what kinds of activities happen on the ranch. The 2024 Newell Labor Day Ranch Rodeo results are listed below.

- Team Placings**
1. Rockin B Feeders
 2. K-J Leather
 3. Rocking C Services

- Top Hand Awards**
1. Carly Simanton, woman
 2. Owen Siedel, youth
 3. Jack Gully, senior
 4. Clay Mackaben, hand
 5. Casino, ridden by Cooper Cermack, horse
- Calcutta Winners**
1. Mackaben Escavating
 2. Madison Lindsey
- Donation to the Newell Food Bank: \$656.25**



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Newell Labor Day Rodeo Results

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The Newell Labor Day Rodeo was a hit for yet another year at Newell's Labor Day weekend celebration. This year, participants were encouraged to help raise suicide prevention awareness by wearing a yellow feather, which represents being a pick-up man for someone in need. Bryce Sigman took home the title of All-Around Cowboy. Full rodeo results are listed below.

- Bareback Riding**
1. Iver Paul
- Steer Riding**
1. (Tie) Cooper Cermack/Bridger Sterling
- Ladies Breakaway Roping**
1. Kayla Olind
 2. Kamira Miller
 3. Taylor Getz
 4. Briley Anderson
 5. Sidney Hanson
 6. Cassie Crowser
- Jr. Breakaway Roping**
1. Cooper Cobb
- Sr. Men's Breakaway**

- Roping**
1. Bryce Sigman
 2. Bret Hanson
 3. Lynn Williams
 4. Arlie Hulm
- Saddle Bronc Riding**
1. Tait Eaton
 2. Tayson Jones
 3. (Tie) Noah Peters/Gavin Nelson
- Family Team Roping**
1. Caitlyn Comfort/Chandler Comfort
 2. Kevin Jaeger/Ashlee Jaeger
 3. Devin McGrath/Ali-sa McGrath
 4. Fred Stiles/Shelby Scheulke
 5. Bryce Sigman/Kobi Millar
 6. Cassie Hicks/Ty Hicks
- Mutton Busting**
1. Koal Allen
 2. Wrenley Boylan
 3. Mylee Grant
 4. Moxon Risse
 5. Savannah Bonefield
 6. (Tie) Cactus Vig/Dallen Kissack

- Sheep TeePeeing**
1. Garrett Winkler/Wy-att Winkler
 2. Marvin King Jr./Hayden Johnston
 3. Atty Eastman/Kaydence Lee
 4. Justin Stranberg/Rilee Crockford
- Pee Wee Barrels**
1. Branson Royer
 2. Camri Cobb
 3. Addley Smeenk
 4. Windsor Erickson
 5. Maxon Dell
 6. Grace Weiss
- Jr. Barrels**
1. Kaylee Lambert
 2. Presley Conry
 3. Scout Casteel
 4. Oaklee Curtis
 5. Kyler Schmidt
 6. Aaliyah Lennon
- Ladies Barrels**
1. Tealah Stevenson
 2. Holly Stiles
 3. Becca Fulton
 4. Kristi Steffes
 5. Whitney Veit
 6. Emma Weinberger
- All Around Champion**
1. Bryce Sigman



All-Around Cowboy Bryce Sigman, left, and Cheyenne Winkler of the Newell Community Club, right, celebrate his award of a brand new saddle.

Courtesy photo



Children enjoyed the Kids' Games in the Park on Labor Day morning. Tug-o-War was another favorite game. Sunday included several fun activities all over town, including Mud Volleyball. The Class of 1964 enjoys their 60-year reunion on their float at the Labor Day parade. Heitz Photos