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City Council Meeting Addresses Misquote

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BELLE FOURCHE—At the City Council meeting on September 16, a false quote attributed to City Administrator Jason LaFayette that appeared in the Black Hills Pioneer was addressed.

According to LaFayette, the Friday, Sept. 13 issue of the Pioneer printed an article titled “Sturgis Council Calls for City Attorney Resignation,” in which the author quoted LaFayette as saying that the mayor has sole authority to determine employees, and also has the power to veto the council’s vote.

“I want to assure you that

City Council A-3

Community Hall hosts Ag Banquet



Belle Fourche Community Hall was full to the brim for the Thursday, September 26, 39th Annual awards night ceremonies. Robbi Longbrake Photo

Belle Team Promotes Our Community at Ports to Plains Conference



Larry Schmalz



Expressway Route

Transportation and trade were the big topics of presentation as well as funding for the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway, or as we know it, Highway 85, and the connections that take it from Mexico, north through the US into Canada.

Trade and transportation of very high volume is in energy, tourism, and agriculture. It was shared by our presenter from Mexico that the impact of trade between the Ports to Plains states and Mexico in 2020 totaled \$144 billion. By 2050 the estimate is projected to be \$359 billion.

The conference was held September 10th – 12th in Dickenson, ND.

Chamber director, Michaela Horn, Economic Development Director, Hollie Stalder attended one day, and Councilman Larry Schmalz was there for the full conference.

The team set up a booth with Belle Fourche promotional material and networked to promote our community. Ports to Plains update on Page C7



Owner Sam Silacci stands along the exposed east wall of Dakota Territory Arms building, formerly the Cliff Thomas Drugstore. Demolition was in part, funded by a grant from Outside of Deadwood Historical Preservation. Beacon photo

Vally View 4-H Member Reflects

Lydia Main

Special to the Beacon

With the 2023-2024 4-H year coming to an end and starting my final year as a member of the Valley View 4-H Club, I have many emotions as I look back over the last 13 years.

4-H has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. With my mom and grandma being our 4-H club leaders, I have been going to meetings and taking part in events as a clover bud since I was 4.

Over these years, 4-H has influenced my life in numerous ways, teaching me the importance of friendship, quality of work, perseverance, as well as



Belle Fourche senior & Valley View 4-H member Lydia Main. Courtesy Photo

Dakota and the United States. Whether it is State 4-H Rodeo Finals in Fort Pierre or National Shooting Sports in Grand Island, Nebraska, 4-H has forced me out of my comfort zone and into meeting new people who share my same interests.

I have made many friends and memories at long days of 4-H rodeo and connected with people from across the U.S. that are also passionate about competitive shooting.

Through 4-H, I have also learned how important it is to practice until you can do something to the very best of your ability.

I have spent countless hours practicing my bread baking for Western Junior and many more sewing garments for the county fair.

4-H has such a wide variety of project areas and leadership opportunities for its members that I have tried things that, without 4-H, I would have never dreamt of trying.

I have been a part of Junior Leaders, Shooting Sports, Hunting Skills, Rodeo, Horticulture and Consumer Decision Making teams, as well as learned how to weld, sew my own clothes, make my own health and first

Lydia A3

39th Annual Agri-Business Appreciation Banquet Gives Out Awards

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—An evening of recognizing and celebrating those involved in Agriculture and Business in the Belle Fourche area culminated in awarding Ag Person Award, Ag Business Award, Ag Leadership Award and Young Rancher Award to deserving recipients at the 39th Annual Agri-Business Appreciation Banquet on September 26.

Guiding the program through the night was Master of Ceremonies, Phil Kissack.

He shared stories and told jokes as he kept the evening going, all the while reminding the crowd about the impact ag has on the city.

“People coming into town from a ways away, they depend on Belle Fourche to come and get what they need. I think a lot of people here realize that it’s just very important, the impact that ag has on this community,” said Kissack.

Randy Schmidt, Mayor, and Scott Reder, Black Hills Roundup volunteer, took the stage to welcome the community to the banquet.

Dane Kissack gave the invocation before the dinner was served—provided by the Branding Iron Steakhouse, consisting of salad, steak, mashed potatoes, green beans and a dinner roll and dessert.

Following that fantastic feast the speaker of the evening, Justin Tupper, President of the United



Phil Kissack

States Cattlemen Association, gave a talk emphasizing the importance of volunteering within your community.

“When we talk about how great a place this is and why it is such a great place to live, it comes with a price, and I think that price is volunteerism, and I think it’s activism



Justin Tupper

and I think it’s getting involved.”

He went on to say it’s giving of yourself that makes local communities great. “We have to have volunteers, we have to have people that are willing to give themselves to make it a better place for everybody else.”

Tupper ended by explaining why finding the person with the most on his or her plate is the one to ask for help.

“Somebody told me one time if you wanted to get something done you find the busiest person in the room because if they’re busy they get stuff done; if they’re not busy there’s probably a reason and that’s the way they are.”

Harlan Stephens, member of the Ag Committee, took the stage to introduce the much anticipated announcements of this year’s award winners.

2024 Ag Leadership Award was given to Shawnie and Chad Mackaben. “They embody what it means to give back and support the future of agriculture. Chad regularly states that he would do anything to make a difference in the life of a young individual. Agriculture is our life, we cannot live without it,” said Stephens when introducing the Mackaben family.

Chad stated, “My theory in life is if we can’t get the young kids going, we don’t have nothing. So take the time, open your eyes, spend the time with the kids because the kids are everything. We

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Belle Fourche CTE Receives \$2500

Meg English

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It takes a caring community to raise and educate a child. Sustaining the excellent CTE classes the Belle Fourche High School is expensive. Last week a generous gift in the form of a \$2500 check from the Black Hills Federal Credit Union (BHFCU) helped to ease the burden.

Belle Fourche High School Principal, Mr. Matt Raba explained, “In the last few years the cost of supplies has really stretched our budget. We want to be conservative with the taxpayers’ dollars without sacrific-

ing the learning opportunities.”

Of course, it helps to get the attention of philanthropic organizations such as BHFCU’s community development committee.

That is exactly what the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce did. When Director Michaela Horn learned on a Facebook post that BHFCU was offering donations to schools, she submitted applications for programs in both Belle Fourche and Newell.

The Belle Fourche CTE program was one of 25 donations awarded out of 120 applications.

Heidi Bulman, Senior Community Development Officer at BHFCU described the history of the BHFCU’s involvement in support for education.

In 1997, a group of staff volunteers at BHFCU recognized that many kids in the area needed financial help with purchasing school supplies.

They started a program called The School Support Drive to help kids with things they needed to be successful in school. Known as the Community Action Team, these volunteers purchased, and

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Mandy Verhulst Branch Manager of the Black Hills Federal Credit Union in Spearfish presents a check to student representative Jazlyn Olson, for \$2500 to be used by the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at Belle Fourche High School. Jazlyn is a junior who is involved in Ag and FFA. Pictured with the students are agriculture instructor Mr. Austin Bishop (far right) and welding teacher Mr. Jim Hartwell (upper right). Michaela Horn, Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Director (far right) initiated and wrote the application.

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Kathryn "Kay" Conner 93

Kathryn "Kay" Conner, age 93 of Belle Fourche, died Sunday, September 22, 2024 at the Rolling Hills Healthcare Center in Belle Fourche.

Kay's life was celebrated 11am Monday, September 30, 2024 at Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. There was no visitation. Inurnment was held at Bear Butte Cemetery, in Sturgis. Friends may leave written condolences at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Kay was born December 10, 1930 in Belfield, North Dakota. She grew up on the family farm near Belfield, North Dakota. Times were tough when she was young. She was one of 12 siblings, so Kay learned how to work hard in life. Kay worked hard on the farm, but also in the bakery that was located in Belfield. It is at the bakery where she met a man named Billy Olson and she started helping him with his business, collecting money and writing tickets. That's how she got educated and prepared to eventually own her own business, called Kay's Tax Service. Her and Billy were married in 1949 and they lived in Hettinger ND, and Lemmon SD. Together they loved the ranch life, raising horses and cattle. Billy died in 1992. Kay then married her loving husband, Jerry Conner, in 2005 in Whitewood.



For the past many years, Kay and Jerry have lived in Belle Fourche where she supported Jerry's love of fishing, her tax work, and their church. In 2012 she retired from her business.

Kay was a woman who could do almost anything. From rodeo acts, to bull fighting, she was a tough lady. Kay was one of the only females who would be in the bull fighting barrels and she was even able to drive a semi-truck during her ranch life. Kay loved to square dance, the rodeo, playing card games, but her true love was the ranch life and raising horses and cattle.

Kay is survived by her husband, Jerry Conner of Belle Fourche; daughter, Peggy Olson of Denver CO; son, Randy (Cindy) Olson of Bismarck ND; 4 grandchildren, Buck Olson, Casey Olson, Kelly Hughes, Michael Dickerson; several great grandchildren; and sister, Leona Fink of Bismarck ND. She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband; and 10 siblings.



Jacob "Jake" Miller 84

Jacob "Jake" Miller, age 84 of Belle Fourche, died Sunday, September 22, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Mass of Christian Burial took place 10:30am Thursday, September 26, 2024 at the St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church in Rapid City. There will be no visitation. Interment took place in Black Hills National Cemetery, with military honors provided by the Belle Fourche Veterans Honor Guard.

Arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave written condolences and view a video tribute online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com

Jacob (Jake) Leo Miller was born September 8, 1940 to Jacob and Margaret (Joachim) Miller in Adams County, North Dakota. He was raised on a farm northwest of Lemmon. He attended North Lemmon Grade School for seven years and St. Mary's Grade School for one year. Jake graduated from Lemmon High School in 1958.

From 1959 to 1962 Jake worked on highway construction operating heavy equipment. Most of that time was spent building I-94 from the Minnesota line to Montana. In 1963 he was drafted by the United States Army for the Vietnam war where he was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. He was honorably discharged in March 1965.

Following his discharge from the Army, he returned to the Lemmon area where he continued operating heavy equipment. His brother, Johnny, took Jake to the Coast to Coast store, where Johnny hoped they would run into a certain young clerk working there. His match making worked and there Jake met the love of his life, Rosemary (Almen). Jake and Rosemary were married in 1965 in Lemmon.

Their first son, Jason, was born in 1968. In 1969 Jake



and Rosemary began farming north of Lemmon and their second son, Jared, was born. They moved to south of Morristown in 1972 where they farmed and ranched side by side for 36 years. Their daughter, Tanya, was born in 1975 and rounded out their family.

In 2008 Jake and Rosemary retired to an acreage outside of Belle Fourche. There, Jake took great pride in maintaining a beautiful yard and place. In 2023 they moved to Rapid City where they resided until his death.

Jake was a member of the American Legion in Lemmon for 51 years, enjoyed playing cards with his friends, attending cattle sales, tending to his own cattle herd and farm crops, mentoring his children on farm and ranch life, spending time with his dogs, and practicing his faith.

Grateful to have shared his life and his love were his wife of almost 59 years, Rosemary; children Jason (Sherri) Miller of Pierre, Jared (Edwynna) Miller of San Antonio, TX, and Tanya (Ty) White of Rapid City; six grandchildren, Hayden (Tara) Miller, Bobbi (Adam) Cantu, Rylie (Marco) Van Rooyen, Jacob (Alexis) Miller, Peyton White and Colt White; and great grandchildren, Gracelynn, Mason, Levi, Wesley, (and soon to arrive baby Olivia).

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; six siblings, Eugene (Ike), Teddy, Alice, Johnny, Matt, and Victor; sisters in law Phyllis, Deloris, Florence, and brother in law Charles Foss; nieces and nephews Joey Miller, Bruce Miller, Linda Baker, Karen Kudlock, Jimmy Foss, and John BeSerra.



Martin A. Jones Jr. 92

Martin A. Jones Jr., 92, of Spearfish, SD passed away on September 17, 2024.

Martin was born on September 5, 1932, in Columbus, NE to Martin A. Jones Sr. and Barbara Ann Jones. He attended school until the 8th grade where he then took a job working for the railroad.

In 1951 he married Audree Ann Stork, and they moved to Grand Island, NE. There, three of their children, Virginia, Terry, and Mike were born. In 1961 the family moved to Belle Fourche, SD where daughter Suzette was born. Martin and Audree divorced in 1977 but remained friends until her death on April 22, 2024.

Martin worked for the railroad until his retirement in 1991. After retirement he took a job working for the City of Spearfish along with driving cars for various dealerships.

Martin was an avid hunter, fisherman, and an all-around jack of many traits. He was always there to lend a hand to his children if they needed something fixed. He loved to travel and in the last few years he loved it when his family came to see him and took him to Deadwood, SD where he joked, he was spending their inheritance. Martin lived his life to the fullest and

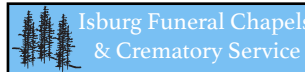


spent his last year as a resident at Rolling Hills, where he kept the staff on their toes.

Martin is survived by his four children, Virginia Nielsen, Casper, WY, Terry Severson (Richard Zielinski) Hamilton, MT, Mike (Cherry), Los Osos, CA, and Suzette Dillon (Jerry), Lino Lakes, MN; ten grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; brothers Jack Jones, Spearfish, Eugene (Dede) Jones, Colorado Springs, CO, Gary (Dorothy) Jones, Columbus, NE and special friend Nancy McGinnis, Spearfish. He was preceded in death by his parents Martin Sr. and Barbara Jones, sister Barbara Mielak and former wife, Audree Jones.

Visitation will be at Fidler Isburg Funeral Chapel from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M., Friday, October 18, 2024. Services will be at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, October 19, 2024. Burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery following services.

Arrangements are under the care of Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapels and Isburg Crematory of Spearfish. Online condolences may be written at www.fidler-isburgfuneralchapels.com



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Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 17

“Sports, Politics, and Human Nature”



Meg English

We grandparents are a hearty lot. Now as the leaves change, the daylight wanes and the temperatures begin to dip, the fall school sports season is beginning to feel extremely long. Longer than last year and longer than the year before, although maybe it's we who are becoming tired earlier.

Papa and I have achieved a new personal attendance record this year. Six high school, middle-school volleyball matches, two middle school cross-country meets each week through September.

We're committed to enduring hot sun, wind, and rain as necessary. Whatever it takes to support the kids, their teams and to celebrate our pride in their achievements.

We don't mind the long drives between events, uncomfortable bleachers or exposure to hothouse auditorium germs.

Grandparents love sporting events, concerts, recitals, art exhibits, not only because we are proud of the kids in our community, but because we respect institutional roles of family and schools, and we know that children don't raise themselves. We are happy to be included and to be part of the team.

On Tuesday, Septem-

City from A1

that quote was not at all what I said," LaFayette stated. "What I explained to the reporter was that the City Council has the sole hiring and firing authority, and that the mayor only appoints and un-appoints the appointed city officials."

Furthermore, he explained to the reporter that the mayor does have the power of veto; however, it only pertains in situations that do not involve appropriation of funds.

LaFayette stated that he reached out to the Pioneer as soon as he was made aware of the misquote and requested a correction, and went on to apologize. "I just felt I was doing a professional courtesy," he said. "I'm always here to help, and that's what I thought I

was doing." The Council heard community input from Raymond Allen and Laura Young.

Allen spoke about the need to enforce no campers parked on the roads, along with illegal parking and concrete projects in the city.

Young addressed water pressure issues on Sourdough Road and the need for road maintenance.

Hollie Stalder, Director of Economic Development, reported on the progression of housing development in Belle Fourche, with two developers breaking ground and a third awaiting approval in hopes of meeting the demand for single and multi-family housing in the city.

Business expansion efforts throughout the debate

Trump failed to respond to the questions that were asked. He changed the subject repeatedly usually to begin tirades of criticism against the Biden/Harris administration. Fact checkers interrupted to set the matter straight quite a few times.

Trump was reluctant to mention Harris by name. He criticized her policy stances and administration's track record throughout the debate. He didn't spend much time looking at her.

He repeatedly referred to Harris as "she" and "her". He also repeatedly referred to Biden as "her boss," avoiding saying Harris' name out loud while emphasizing the relationship between the two.

Harris directed many of her comments right at Trump and frequently turned to face him as he spoke.

One especially painful and unfortunate diatribe resulted in Trump accusing Haitian immigrants of eating pet dogs and cats.

I texted Teannah, my 13-year-old granddaughter to ask if she was watching the debate,

Trump looks angry. Teannah texted.

Yes, I replied. He certainly doesn't look happy.

Kamala is really pretty. She said.

Yes, she is. I agreed.

She has better manners than Trump. Is he jealous of her? Teannah asked.

Maybe. I said.

Sporting events and political debates are oddly similar. Both have teams with devoted followers. Both have conduct rules and referees. Sometimes in both sport and politics things get out of hand and things become uncomfortable.

Many of us are ready for both seasons to end and for a new season to begin, one where there is not quite so much drama and more maybe more respect for the team and the players.

CTE from A1 collected school supplies, then sorted, counted, and packed the supplies to be distributed to schools in the communities served by BHFCU.

The School Support Program remained vibrant for 25 years. However, over time, the program grew beyond the ability to sustain the need for physical supplies. The needs of the communities and schools had changed too.

Last year BHFCU switched from providing supplies to students to offering a monetary donation to specific programs at individual schools.

"We opened a nomination process where community members could nominate their favorite and most deserving school or student supporting organization.

The application process

gave our School Support Drive Committee the opportunity to learn about school and student needs, and really the incredible things people are doing in our communities to support students.

We received nominations for all kinds of incredible programs and school events, things that we wouldn't have known about had we simply made a monetary donation." Heidi Bulman went on to thank the various entities that have made these monetary gifts possible.

"We really couldn't do it without the support of BHFCU leadership, staff, volunteers, and vendors as well as our local businesses who support the program through monetary and supply donations, and the organizations that support students for sharing with us the incredible work they do each day"

From A1 Lydia

products, and how to public speak.

I think my favorite part about 4-H is the H for Hands – "I pledge my hands to larger service." 4-H teaches the importance of helping others and giving back to your community.

I have done many things from cleaning highway ditches to reading to the elderly, and from planting trees to making My Golden Valentines and Christmas ornaments for Meals on Wheels, to better my com-

munity.

I think it is important, especially for kids my age, to realize the importance of giving back to their community.

I am excited to start my final year of High School and 4-H, and I know that I will make lots of fun memories, but I'm especially looking forward to applying to colleges to continue my education in pediatric nursing so that I can extend my love for helping people by becoming a traveling nurse someday.

Upcoming events,
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Oct 4 - 7:30AM Caramel Rolls & Coffee @ Belle Silver Lining, 11AM Nonprofit Workshop - Innovative Nonprofit

Oct 5 - 10:30AM First Saturday Brunch @ Tri State Museum

Oct 6 - 12PM Fundraiser Cornhole Tournament @ BF Moose Lodge

Oct 7 - 6PM Educated Voter @ Austin Auditorium (Newell), 6 PM City Council Meeting

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Matthews Opera House

October 5: Art and Craft Workshops: Cyanotypes

Art and Craft workshops at the Matthews Gallery are designed for everyone, from beginners exploring their creative side to experienced artists looking to refine their skills. Saturday, October 5 from 1-3 pm, the Matthews is excited to present Cyanotypes with Tia Erin. Participants will use a variety of objects from nature and acetate film paper to create unique prints. Participants under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration for this two-hour session is \$30, and all materials will be provided. Class size is limited to 12 participants. For more information or to register for this event, contact the Matthews at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com, or stop by the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.

October 9: Bellman Brown Bag Series honoring Stewart and Wanda Bellman

On Wednesday, October 9 at noon, the Matthews celebrates the originators of the long-running Bellman Brown Bag lecture series in "The Bellman Effect." A panel of guests speakers includes Michael Pangburn, Dick Termes, Dr. Janeen Larsen, Dr. Amy Fuqua, Paul Higbee, and Jean Helmer. This extended Bellman session will be followed by a reception during which time attendees are welcome to share their personal Bellman memories. For more information visit matthewsopera.com, contact the arts center at (605) 642-7973, or stop by the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish

October 10-13: Getting Our Acts Together

Back for it's third year, Northern Hills community theaters pull together for a special night of theater: "Getting Our Acts Together: A Night of Northern Hills One Acts"! The performance, aptly named for the collaboration between the Spearfish, Lead-Deadwood, Sturgis, and Belle Fourche theaters, will feature four one-act plays presented by four separate directors and casts for one full evening of entertainment. The lineup: Thursday, October 10, 7 pm at Belle Fourche Community Center; Friday, October 11, 7 pm at Homestake Opera House; Saturday, October 12, 7 pm at Sturgis Community Center; and, Sunday, October 13, 2 pm at Matthews Opera House. Tickets for the evening are only \$15 for adults, \$10 for military/seniors, and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at the door or online at each theater's website.

October 19: Art and Craft Workshops: Basic Weaving

Art and Craft workshops at the Matthews Gallery are designed for everyone, from beginners exploring their creative side to experienced artists looking to refine their skills. Saturday, October 19 from 1-3 pm, the Matthews is excited to present Basic Weaving with Mary Baker. Learn the basics of weaving and create your very own woven piece. Participants under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration for this two-hour session is \$30 and all materials will be provided. Class size is limited to 12 participants. For more information or to register for this event, contact the Matthews at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com, or stop into the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.

October 23 & 24: "A Christmas Story" Auditions

The Matthews is excited to announce open auditions for "A Christmas Story," the classic holiday comedy adapted by playwright Philip Grecion. Roles are available for a variety of ages including young actors. This family favorite follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. Auditions will take place in the Matthews theater from 6-8 pm. No prior experience necessary. For more information, including performance dates, contact the Matthews at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com, or stop into the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.

October 25 - November 3: "Deathtrap" Community Theater

Would you be a killer for a thriller? "Deathtrap," by playwright Ira Levin premiers at the Matthews Opera House on Friday, October 5 at 7 pm with additional performances on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesday through November 3. When a once-successful playwright sees his latest Broadway effort bomb on opening night, he tumbles into despair—until he receives a package from a former student containing a script worth killing for. Audiences should be advised, "Deathtrap" is rated R. For more information, including tickets and performance times, contact the Matthews at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com.

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Boys Football

After coming off a heart-breaking loss last week at Deadwood the Broncos traveled to Mobridge to take on the 2-2 Mobridge-PollockTigers.

The Broncos unable to capitalize on missed opportunities ended up losing the game 28 to 6.

There is still a lot of optimism within this organization, feeling that their time is coming and will get something in the win column.

Come out and support your Broncos next week, Friday the 4th at home against St. Thomas More.

Cross Country

At the Rapid City area schools invite at Hart Ranch Friday the 27th the girls cross country team finished 17th on the day with the final score of 414.

Lia Mundt finished 15th with a total time of 20:06:77 followed by Rhys Pearson who took 75th and Misty Drieling who took 117th place on the day.

For the boys squad they ended up finishing 21st on the day with a total of 526 points. Lennon Clarkson finished 13th

with a total time of 17:01:69 followed by Nathan Hudson at 90th and Oden Walding who finished 155th on the day.

With the season winding down to an end, the cross-country team will be in Sturgis next week Thursday, October 3 for the Sturgis invite at Fort Meade.

Varsity Soccer

The boys varsity team took on both Douglas and Custer last week. Saturday the 21st where at home against Douglas and ended up winning 6-2 breaking a four game losing streak for the Broncos who looked great in the match.

Keegan Walker finished with a hat trick scoring three goals himself while Griffin Biehl, Issac Voyles, and Drake Sutter all scored one a piece.

Next they traveled to Custer last Thursday and continued their winning streak with a final score of 8-1 in favor of the Broncos.

Josh Brill scored a couple goals, Issac Voyles had a couple himself, Drake Sutter scored one and Biehl ended up with a three goals another hat trick for the team. The boys team played about as good of game as you

can ask for.

The girls varsity team was at Sturgis last week taking on the Scoopers and ended up losing 2-4 in a very close game that could've gone either way. Unfortunately, for the lady Broncos most games have not been going their way this year.

It drops a record to 1-7-1 on the year with only one game remaining on their schedule. They take on St. Thomas More next Thursday October 3rd is in R.City.

Bronc Volleyball

The girls varsity volleyball continued their season this week playing at home against Rapid City Christian and another very close game that ended up going in the oppositions favor.

With each set coming down to the final points the Bronx ended up losing 3 sets to 0.

This very young with only one senior on the team.

Their chances of turning this thing around are very high.

The girls volleyball team hosted the Belle Fourche tournament Saturday the 28th. Broncos lost to Edgemont 25-19 and 25-23.

Hill City defeated Broadus to win the 26th Annual Belle Fourche Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

Thank You

To our friends, neighbors and family members who helped us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Thank you for the many thoughtful cards, gifts and best wishes. We especially want to thank our children and grandchildren for planning this special celebration for us. We are truly blessed.



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The Lady Broncos take a timeout late into their 3rd set against Rapid City Christian. Potter Photo



Bronc Volleyball players line up to salute National Anthem before the start of game. Photo Courtesy of Jamie Hockenbary



Aurora Voyles gets under the ball. Hockenbary Photo



Mya Nowoiejski and Reagan Hatling block at the net. Hockenbary Photo

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The 437 Project Raises Over \$315,000 for Helpline Center

Total donations from The 437 Project exceeds \$650,000 in 3 years

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (SEPT. 27, 2024) - In a community celebration at Levitt at the Falls on September 22, The 437 Project runners presented a check to Helpline Center for over \$315,000. With this donation, The 437 Project has raised over \$650,000 for Helpline Center since the project began 3 years ago.

"The amazing financial gift from The 437 Project ensures that the Helpline Center can continue to provide hope and help across the state for our work in suicide prevention, crisis support and grief after care," Janet Kittams, CEO of Helpline Center. "Our

hearts are overflowing with gratitude."

The 437 Project was born of a passion for bolstering both physical and mental wellness and the often overlooked connection between the two. This year's project began Thursday, September 19 at the Wyoming/South Dakota Border, where 12 runners took turns relay-style running across the state of South Dakota.

Along the route, The 437 Project team held events in Rapid City, Pierre, Mitchell, and Sioux Falls to share their stories, raise awareness, and offer mental health resources. The team finished the 437-mile journey at the Iowa/South Dakota Border on Sunday, September 22.

The outpouring support

of businesses' sponsorships across the state and donations for companies, families and individuals was incredible this year. The 12 runners plus over 15 volunteers keeping them safe and on track during the state-wide run received various donations along their 4-day journey as well. The many personal stories shared by strangers and the genuine heartfelt passion behind the mission are experiences those involved in The 437 Project this year won't soon forget.

For more information about The 437 Project, this year's runners, how to get involved next year or to make a donation, visit the437project.org. Photos of their journey can be found on The 437 Project's social media pages as well.



Sophomore **Mya Bush**, #14 getting ready for the serve. *Potter VB Photos*



Sophomore **Aurora Voyles** #19 at the end of the 2nd set getting ready to serve the ball.



Sophomore **Angel Sanchez** #40 fighting to get open as #33 **Drake Sutter** looks to pass him the ball. *Potter Soccer Photos*



Senior **Oscar Garcia** #12 fights for possession against Custer player.

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Freshman **Turner Williams**, #7 on the attack against Douglas.

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Show Up

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We are losing our heads over the announcement of the BFHS Theater Department fall production: **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**. Coming to audiences in November this classic American story will feature the following actors: Headless Horseman-- **Derek Scott**; Ichabod Crane-- **Timothy Thompson**; Katrina Van Tassel-- **Joselyn Shockey**; Brom Bones-- **Logan Willert**; Woman in White-- **Madisyn Carson**; Indian Chief-- **John Hale**; Pirate-- **Derek Scott**; Mrs. Trenkler-- **Tace Hartman**; Farmer Stuyvesant-- **Wyatt Lesmeister**; Mrs. Van Tassel-- **Ember Shannon**; Widow Van Doorn-- **Sonja Cropper**; Mrs. Van Hudson-- **Kaydance Gallagher**; Hilda-- **Kaeli Thompson**; Greta-- **Trinity Hostetter**; Yost-- **Trevor Welles**; Walter-- **Trey Shannon**; Wilda-- **Tace Hartman**; Johanna-- **Madisyn Carson**; Hendrick-- **John Hale**. The show's directors are **Toi Lyn Flick** and **Allie Jusso Verry**.

The Belle Fourche Fine Arts Boosters (FAB) has also returned to their regular monthly meetings and invite all to join them in supporting and promoting fine arts programs in the BFMS and BFHS. Their poster and T-shirt art contrast is underway and voting on the entries will happen at their next meeting on October 16th at 6 PM at Graps.

The first CON Concert is this weekend! Remember to 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 & Families-\$120-** a great deal for FIVE concerts right here in Belle Fourche! The first concert will be October 4th, 7pm, at the **BF Rec Center Theater**.

And mark next week's list of must-attend events - **October 10: BFACT presents: the 3rd Annual Getting Our Acts Together: A Night of Northern Hills One-Acts**. BFACT's production, "Charlie's Masterpiece," is just one of the three shows on the stage for this awesome night of theater. The other shows include Historic Homestake Opera House's show, "Dad-Joke Intervention"; The Matthews Opera House & Arts Center's Show "Staged Murder"; and The Sturgis Arts Council's Show "Lawyer, Lawyer."

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

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

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!

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 a cappella ensemble. Thé 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.

Pasque Fashion Show to be Annual Event

The first annual, Pasque Ladies Fashions "Fall Fashion Show" will kick off the fall and winter festivities.

The ticketed event will be a fun-filled and highly pampered evening. Each attendee will be given a "Swag Bag" with samples, coupons, sweet treats, and a list of First Looks during the evening.

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Michaela Horn, the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Director will be the MC and describe each of our model's outfits as she walks the runway under the amber glow of our gorgeous chandelier.

Our attendees will be served drinks, festive fall treats, and treats. After the fashion show, our guests will shop for all the featured outfits and the entire store.

The store will close early to have time to set up for this event - 1:00 PM.

This event will be hosted inside Pasque, 502 State Street, on Thursday, October 24, from 5-7 PM.

All the evening events, giveaways, raffles, treats and eats, and the fashion show, are just \$15.00 a ticket!

They look forward to showing off the fall line and giving each attendee a wonderful Pasque Ladies Fashions shopping experience! Only 30 tickets are available! Buy yours inside the store! Don't miss out!

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KOTA Honors Newell Ambulance Service

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NEWELL—Butte County's Newell, SD recently received an honor that was worthy of KOTA Territory News making a trek from Rapid City to film a news story.
The small town was named West River's first Cardiac Ready Community. Zada Jones, reporter for KOTA Territory News, said "I wasn't really sure what

that meant until this morning, and then I came out here and got a chance to talk to everybody. And I think it's a really amazing thing.
I think they're setting a great example for other communities everywhere."
Sherry Hocking, director of the Newell Ambulance Service, explained the honor: "Being a Cardiac Ready Community means that I have a number

of people in this community that are certified in CPR," said Hocking.
"We have a number of AEDs placed throughout the community."
Hocking and the Newell Ambulance team spent the last year providing CPR and AED training to 138 members of their community; this led to the State of South Dakota reaching out to Hocking to invite her to apply for the Cardiac Ready Community title.

In a rural area like Newell, the benefits of having so much of the population educated in CPR and AED are vast. "A cardiac arrest can happen to anybody, doesn't take in age, gender, race, any of that. It can happen to anybody. And minutes count," Hocking explained. "So the more people that we have trained in CPR and know how to do CPR and use an AED, we're going to give that patient the best chance of surviving."

Belle Fourche City Councilman Clark Sowers, who also serves as the head of the Ambulance Board, commented, "I think what Sherry and the Newell Ambulance have done has set a precedent for communities in western South Dakota."

Sowers shared that he struggles with heart disease and has had heart surgery in the past, and stressed the importance of the availability of emergency services in rural areas. "I've come to realize that the two directors, Donnie Walding [of Butte County Ambulance] and Sherry here, are totally committed to their craft. And, you know, it starts at the top," he said. Newell has ten volunteers and Belle Fourche has six paramedics.

"We have huge support in this community. Huge support. This community supports us. We have a great board of directors," Hocking said. "We are very appreciative."



Zada Jones of KOTA Territory News shoots an interview with Sherry Hocking, Director of the Newell Ambulance service. Hocking discussed Newell's recent honor of the first West River Cardiac Ready Community in South Dakota. Heitz photo



Clark Sowers, Belle Fourche City Councilman, left, and Zada Jones of KOTA News, right, talk about the importance of rural ambulance services. Heitz photo

Anything Left in the Barrel?
I have always referred to the Beacon as "a work in progress".
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For the first five years the Beacon was distributed at no cost to the recipients in the 7 county tri-state area. During the middle of 2023 we asked readers to subscribe to the Beacon and support its continued publication.
Like just about everything else these days increased costs are a component that cannot be ignored.
Ad sales, subscriptions, and publication of "Legal Notices" are the income sources for most publications.
Our primary focus has been to work toward building a paper that provides

coverage of honest local news & events. With the intent of producing strong local and Tri-State area news we now have on staff a graphic designer; 4+ reporters;
The Beacon ad sales have been fairly consistent, primarily because advertisers recognize the value of having such a wide audience see their ads.
Subscription support has been good and we are working on a couple things that will facilitate and encourage more of you to subscribe.
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don't have nothing. So take the time, open your eyes, spend the time with the kids because the kids are everything.

We all started it but if we don't give them something to follow we have nothing."

Shawnie added, "I just want to say thank you for everyone, all of the committees, all of the volunteers, it truly does take a village and we're happy to be part of this village."

2024 Black Hills Roundup Young Rancher family was awarded to Wade and Ashley Pearson.

The family has a ranch in Beulah, WY that was once the home of Wade's mom's family.

They run cattle, a few horses and a small flock of sheep on their land. The Pearsons also lease ground in Carter County, Montana, to summer their cattle.

They do all of the typical ranch work of putting up hay, fixing fence and any other job that is needed to run the place.

Ashley said, "We're just very blessed to be in agriculture, even on the smallest level that we are and in this community with all of

you—great place to be."

"Every year we get the opportunity to honor a business that really stands out in their field that does a great job in serving the ag community," said Stephens when introducing Grossenburg Implement as 2024 Ag Business Award winner.

Charlie Grossenburg, owner said "I think through our expansion and growth the best thing that comes with it is the people we meet, our customers and also the people we work with... I just want to thank everybody for their business.

If you've done business with us, and I'd welcome anybody to come and stop at the new location and check it out, because we love this place."

"We've had some tremendous honorees through the years and this year there's no exception," said Stephens when introducing the final award winners for the night, Jack and Rosina Owen, 2024 Ag Person Award.

The Owen family has been ranching for many years as owner and operator of the L77 Ranch.

Stephens explained, "In the late 1980s they began cross breeding

their Hereford cattle with Red Angus bulls.

Over the years this program was developed into an essentially closed genetic program making their Red Angus cattle highly sought after and valued in the region despite the challenges of turbulent markets."

The Owen family has made significant contributions to agriculture in the region.

"They maintain strong working relationships with the local businesses throughout the tri-state area and they value the work they do and the people they are privileged to call family and friends with humility, they represent what this great work exemplifies and anyone who knows them knows their love of ranching and their exceptional stewardship of their land and livestock," said Stephens.

Two Friends of the Ag Committee recognitions were given out to honor the support those individuals provide to the Ag Committee. Brenda Whetham, Roundup Secretary and Alisha Barry, Social Media Director were given the awards.

Shawn "Bronc" Hight provided live music throughout the night.



Accepting the 2024 Ag Leadership Award are Shawnie and Chad Mackaben. Longbrake photo



2024 Black Hills Roundup Young Rancher was awarded to Wade and Ashley Pearson. Accepting the honor with Pioneer Bank from left: Harlan Stephens, Melissa Kraft, Wade Pearson, Ashley Pearson, Clay Birkenland, Charli Davis, and Chad Pelster. Longbrake photo



Grossenburg Implement was awarded 2024 Ag Business Award, from left: Charlie Grossenburg, Clint Englehart, Joan Manke, Jodie Severson, and Patrick Olson. Longbrake photo



Jack and Rosina Owen were named 2024 Ag Persons of the Year From left: Rory Owen, Katie Owen, Brandon Hatling, Julie Hatling, Rosina Owen, Jack Owen, Amanda Owen, and John Owen. Longbrake photo



Brenda Whetham (R), Roundup Secretary and Alisha Barry, Social Media Director were given Friends of Ag Committee recognition for all the help they provide the Committee. Longbrake photo

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Cattle Report - Friday, September 27, 2024

Just over 2000 hd today
Market was fully steady - light test on calves - shots are making a difference!

Next sale - October 4th - Yrlg & Spring Calf Special - Selling all classes of cattle
9 AM Weigh ups - 11 AM Bred Cows followed by yearlings then spring calves
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Yearlings			
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY	18	Blk . Hfr.	786.....\$240.50
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY	70	Blk . Hfr.	767.....\$245.00
Conzelman, Bryce, Sundance WY	61	Blk . Hfr.	676.....\$251.00
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	19	B/R. Hfr.	923.....\$227.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Red Bull	875.....\$152.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	70	B/R. Hfr.	779.....\$242.25
Duprel Livestock LLC	10	Blk . Hfr.	1055.....\$219.50
Fruit, Tracy, Broadus MT	30	Blk . Hfr.	801.....\$241.00
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	109	Blk . Str	916.....\$252.25
Horseshoe I Ranch, Broadus MT	61	Blk . Str	850.....\$259.50
KC Ranch LLC, Rozet WY	14	Red Bull	975.....\$224.00
Konechne, Jim A, Rapid City SD	13	Blk . Str	790.....\$225.00
Mannetter, John Or Debra, Sundance WY	10	Blk . Hfr.	803.....\$239.50
Policky Ranch LLP, Upton WY	12	Blk . Hfr.	887.....\$235.00
Richards, Duane, Hammond MT	1	Red Bull	975.....\$190.00
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY	44	Blk . Hfr.	966.....\$227.50
Schell Long Pine Ranch, Capitol MT	11	Blk . Str	824.....\$257.50
Schuricht, Ken, Moorcroft WY	45	Blk . Hfr.	822.....\$239.50
Warner, Adam Or Lynn, Rozet WY	46	Blk . Hfr.	761.....\$238.00
Wulf, Justin, Owanka SD	18	Bold Hfr	810.....\$239.75

Spring Calves			
Branger, Clint, Roscoe MT	75	Blk . Str	428.....\$355.00
Branger, Clint, Roscoe MT	53	Blk . Hfr.	405.....\$327.50
Branger, Clint, Roscoe MT	14	Blk . Hfr.	336.....\$330.00
Cheser, Dan & Jody, Arvada WY	15	Bold Str	480.....\$295.00
Leininger, Kurt & Jana, Miles City MT	25	Bold Str	468.....\$315.00
Leininger, Kurt & Jana, Miles City MT	20	Bold Hfr	375.....\$320.00
Leininger, Kurt & Jana, Miles City MT	15	B/R. Str	363.....\$390.00
Mccooy, Jim, Belle Fourche SD	11	Bold Hfr	428.....\$295.00
Mccooy, Jim, Belle Fourche SD	11	Bold Str	416.....\$367.50

Weigh Up Cows			
62 Livestock, Sundance WY	1	Red Cow	1565.....\$125.00
Arnold, Landon, Owanka SD	1	Red Cow	1420.....\$131.00
Arnold, Landon, Owanka SD	1	Rbold Cow	1350.....\$131.00
Arnold, Landon, Owanka SD	6	Red Cow	1595.....\$130.50
Arnold, Landon, Owanka SD	1	Red Cow	1400.....\$129.50
Arnold, Landon, Owanka SD	2	Red Cow	1887.....\$128.00
Arnold, Landon, Owanka SD	1	Red Cow	1675.....\$124.00
Baker, Gary Or Nancy, Hermosa SD	2	Blk . Cow	1397.....\$131.00
Baker, Gary Or Nancy, Hermosa SD	2	Blk . Cow	1565.....\$126.50
Baker, Travis, Hermosa SD	1	Blk . Cow	1260.....\$129.00
Baker, Travis, Hermosa SD	1	Blk . Cow	1590.....\$125.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	4	Blk . Cow	1560.....\$130.00
Bauer, Bradley Or Rhonda, Union Center SD	4	Blk . Cow	1310.....\$124.00
Bauer, Casey, Union Center SD	2	Blk . Cow	1527.....\$129.50
Daly Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Blk . Cow	1340.....\$124.00
Fredrickson, Mark, Spearfish SD	2	Herf Cow	1630.....\$126.00
Fredrickson, Mark, Spearfish SD	2	Herf Cow	1295.....\$126.00
Gaskill, C. J., Volborg MT	1	Blk . Cowett	1295.....\$137.00
Gaskill, C. J., Volborg MT	2	Blk . Cow	1810.....\$126.50
Hanson, Chris Or Kellie, Piedmont SD	1	Blk . Hfrt	900.....\$195.00
Hanson, Chris Or Kellie, Piedmont SD	3	B/R. Hfrt	1090.....\$172.00
Hanson, Chris Or Kellie, Piedmont SD	1	Red Cowett	1280.....\$150.00
Janis, Wesley, Rapid City SD	2	Bld. Cowett	1220.....\$133.00
Konechne, Jim A, Rapid City SD	1	Blk . Hfrt	1055.....\$164.00
Konechne, Jim A, Rapid City SD	1	Blk . Cow	1510.....\$122.00
Leininger, Kurt & Jana, Miles City MT	1	Blk . Cow	1525.....\$121.50
Lloyd, James, Broadus MT	2	B/R. Cow	1472.....\$131.50
Mackey, Dudley & Marilyn, Gillette WY	1	Red Cow	1510.....\$132.00
Morgan, Jeff Or Rebecca, Gillette WY	6	Blk . Hfrt	935.....\$185.00
Morgan, Jeff Or Rebecca, Gillette WY	1	Blk . Cowett	1310.....\$140.00
Morgan, Jeff Or Rebecca, Gillette WY	3	Blk . Cow	1456.....\$127.00
Morgan, Jeff Or Rebecca, Gillette WY	1	B/R. Cow	830.....\$120.00
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	3	Blk . Hfrt	941.....\$180.00
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	21	Blk . Hfrt	1125.....\$176.00
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	21	Blk . Cow	1352.....\$129.50
Mt Rushmore Angus, Hermosa SD	1	Blk . Cow	1410.....\$126.50
Oedekoven, Darrell Or Penny, Vale SD	1	Red Cow	1485.....\$124.00
Opitz, Mike Or Linda, Piedmont SD	1	Blk . Cow	1515.....\$129.00
Randall, Ross, Broadus MT	1	Blk . Cow	1440.....\$130.50
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD	3	Blk . Cow	1358.....\$130.00
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD	1	Blk . Cow	1355.....\$130.00
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD	1	Bld. Cow	1245.....\$130.00
Richards, Kristy, Newell SD	2	Blk . Cow	1617.....\$128.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	12	Bold Hfrt	1069.....\$188.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	3	Bld. Cow	1316.....\$127.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	15	Bold Cow	1323.....\$126.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	5	Bld. Cow	1561.....\$124.00
Snyder Cattle Co Llc, Piedmont SD	1	Bld. Cow	1395.....\$121.00
Trimble, John, Rapid City SD	1	Blk . Cowett	1330.....\$133.00
Trimble, John, Rapid City SD	1	Blk . Cow	1430.....\$128.00
Vossler, Jerry Or Heidi, Rozet WY	2	R/Cow	1385.....\$123.00

Weigh Up Bulls			
Duprel Livestock Llc	1	Blk . Bull	2125.....\$147.50
Gaskill, C. J., Volborg MT	1	Blk . Bull	2315.....\$150.00
Gaskill, C. J., Volborg MT	1	Blk . Bull	2185.....\$147.50
Hayden, Barry, Gillette WY	1	CharBull	1970.....\$147.50
Hayden, Barry, Gillette WY	3	CharBull	1858.....\$162.00
Hayden, Barry, Gillette WY	4	CharBull	1576.....\$142.50
Hayden, Barry, Gillette WY	4	CharBull	1055.....\$188.00
Krelschan, Kale, Gillette WY	1	Blk . Bull	1945.....\$140.00
Lawrence, Edward, Alzada MT	2	Blk . Bull	1880.....\$155.00
Materi, Wanda, Weston WY	1	Blk . Bull	1570.....\$145.00
Oedekoven, Darrell Or Penny, Vale SD	1	Blk . Bull	2070.....\$145.00
Peila, Susie, Shepard MT	1	Blk . Bull	1660.....\$141.00

Persson, Drew, Gillette WY	1	Blk . Bull	1905.....\$147.50
Persson, Terrance & Cindy Lou, Gillette WY	1	Blk . Bull	1945.....\$143.50
Peterson, Scott, Belle Fourche SD	1	Blk . Bull	1020.....\$172.50
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY	1	Blk . Bull	1890.....\$144.50
Ritthaler Cattle Co, Upton WY	1	Blk . Bull	1775.....\$140.00
Schlegel, Trevor, Hulet WY	1	Blk . Bull	1600.....\$140.00

Friday, October 4, 2024

Yearling & Spring Calf Special

9:00 AM -- Weigh Up Cows 11:00 AM -- Bred Cows Followed by Yearlings then Calves
BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs
Vaccinated NI-No Implants

Bred Cows - Dispersion

Joseph Harriet -- 160 Mixed Age Cows -- Bred Blk - 4/1

Yearlings

Pete Reno & Sons -- 225 Herf & Blk Bldy Strs -- 800-900#
- NI, DF, Home Raised
- 75 Herf & Blk Bldy Hfrs -- 700-800# - NI, DF, Home Raised, Open
MT Consignment -- 300 Blk, Red & Char Strs -- 700-900#
Brownfield Ranch -- 130 Blk, Bldy & Few Herf Strs - 950-1000#
Mueller Land & Livestock -- 61 Blk Mostly Hfrs -- 700#
SD Consignment -- 50 Blk Hfrs -- 900-950# - Open
Rod & Katie Smith -- 18 Blk Hfrs -- 850-925# - Open
Jeff Haberstroh -- 15 Mostly Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 600-800#
Clint & Wade Pearson -- 15 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 850# - Hfrs Spayed
Pearson Ranch -- 12 Herf & Blk Bldy Strs -- 950#

Calves

Courtney Ranch -- 1,000 Blk & Red Strs & Hfrs -- 350-550# - BT, PC
Jim & Neal Mccooy -- 200 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 500-600# - BT, NI
Hillsview Ranch -- 130 Blk Bldy & Herf Strs & Hfrs -- 475-550# - BT, PC
Jim Burleson -- 140 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfrs -- 525-600# - BT, PC, NI
Moore Ranch & Stryer Livestock -- 105 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 500-525# - BT, PC
Schuricht & Kinsetler -- 90 Blk Strs -- 400-500# - BT, NI
Tom Mills -- 90 Blk & F-1 Bldy Strs & Hfrs -- 575-650# - BT, PC, NI
Desiree King -- 78 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 500-550# - BT, PC
Jennie Crowser -- 75 Blk Bldy & Red Bulls -- 350-500# - All Natural
Jim Ball -- 60 Blk & Blk Bldy Strs & Hfrs -- 500-600# - BT, PC
Chuck Baker -- 58 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 500-550# - BT, PC, DF
Jim Lintz -- 50 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 570-600# - BT, PC
Russel Stinson -- 45 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 425-500# - BT, PC
Jo McDonald -- 40 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 450-500# - BT, PC
Jay Mattson -- 40 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 500-550# - BT, PC
Wende Gianino -- 30 Blk & Red Strs -- 450-600# - BT, PC, NI, DF
Stinson Livestock -- 10 Blk Strs & Hfrs -- 500-550# - BT, PC, DF

Plus more by sale time!

2024 CATTLE SALES

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

St Onge Livestock has a receiving station for the Gillette Area every Thursday. It is on Northern Drive in Gillette. Call Doug Miller at 307-660-0960 to let him know what is coming. You can unload all day every Thursday until 3 pm. You pay receiving station fee of \$3 per head & \$2.50/cwt for trucking. You can also call Justin Tupper at 605-680-0259 & he can let them know your cattle are coming also.
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Sheep Report - Thursday, September 26, 2024

Lambs under 70# sold \$5 to \$10 higher
Lambs 70# to 100# sold \$10 to \$15 lower
Slaughter ewes sold \$2 to \$4 lower

Next sale - October 3rd - Feeder Lamb Special - 1 PM
Animals should be here by noon so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Slaughter Ewes

Bar 69 Ranch, Belle Fourche SD	28	K Ewe	183	.....\$74.00
Davis, Marlene, Belle Fourche SD	19	K Ewe	153	.....\$66.00
Davis, Marlene, Belle Fourche SD	29	K Ewe	142	.....\$61.00
Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD	15	K Ewe	142	.....\$66.00
Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD	22	K Ewe	131	.....\$61.00
Heser, Dwight, Vida MT	31	K Ewe	146	.....\$66.00
Heser, Dwight, Vida MT	30	K Ewe	138	.....\$61.00
Lazy Vc Kelly Ranch Inc, Faith SD	18	K Ewe	157	.....\$74.00
Marx Land & Livestock, Rushville NE	12	K Ewe	197	.....\$74.00
Mcarnis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche SD	11	K Ewe	152	.....\$74.00
Mcarnis, Steve Or Renee, Belle Fourche SD	23	K Ewe	148	.....\$66.00
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT	13	K Ewe	188	.....\$86.00
Nixon, Reni, Alzada MT	9	K Ewe	166	.....\$70.00
Page, Ben Or Fran, Faith SD	8	K Ewe	167	.....\$74.00
Rough Creek Ranch, Broadus MT	19	K Ewe	150	.....\$74.00
Rough Creek Ranch, Broadus MT	18	K Ewe	138	.....\$66.00
Sikveland, Tristan, Circle MT	8	K Ewe	165	.....\$74.00

Replacement Ewes

Rough Creek Ranch, Broadus MT	2	Kbuck	195	.....\$90.00
Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD	47	2-Sld	149	.....\$140.00
Harpster, Charles, Prairie City SD	55	Ss-St	146	.....\$135.00
Peterson Sheep, Lemmon SD	67	Sld	148	.....\$120.00
Peterson Sheep, Lemmon SD	24	Ss-St	145	.....\$120.00
Veit, Morgan, Dupree SD	27	St	164	.....\$150.00

Feeder Lambs

Burke, Joe Or Jane, Newell SD	237	Lamb	50	.....\$255.00
Burke, Joe Or Jane, Newell SD	657	Lamb	70	.....\$193.00
Burke, Joe Or Jane, Newell SD	51	Lamb	85	.....\$164.00
Orwick Ranch, Newell SD	61	Lamb	51	.....\$238.00
Orwick Ranch, Newell SD	117	Lamb	67	.....\$190.00
Reichert, Duane, New Underwood SD	82	Lamb	45	.....\$246.00
Reichert, Duane, New Underwood SD	201	Lamb	58	.....\$223.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD	354	Lamb	82	.....\$171.00
Tennant Ranch, Camp Crook SD	192	Lamb	98	.....\$134.00
Murphy & Sons, Circle MT	86	Lamb	64	.....\$188.00
Murphy & Sons, Circle MT	426	Lamb	78	.....\$171.00
Murphy & Sons, Circle MT	119	Lamb	95	.....\$142.00
Acosta, Melanie, Prairie City SD	43	Lamb	75	.....\$183.00
Borchgrevink Livestock, Belle Fourche SD	24	Ewe	66	.....\$182.00
Bortregger, David, Forsyth MT	96	Lamb	86\$153.00
Bortregger, Levi, Forsyth MT	27	Lamb	103\$141.00

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Cities brace for potential IM 28 passage impact

Supporters of lifting tax on consumables say local government fears overblown

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The potential approval of Initiated Measure 28 by voters has cities preparing for budget shortfalls, despite doubt about what the measure could mean to them if adopted.

City leaders in Pierre and Aberdeen took steps this week to outline and brace for hypothetical effects of IM 28 in the event that voters approve it this year.

In Pierre, the city commission passed a 2025 budget contingent on the results of the measure, while Aberdeen's council approved a resolution outlining potential impacts.

Officials in Aberdeen expect to lose as much as \$2.1 million in annual sales tax revenue if South Dakotans vote "yes" in November.

The measure would eliminate the 4.2 percent tax that South Dakota state government collects on "consumables."

"The voters aren't voting on a concept or intent," Aberdeen Councilman David Novstrup said, according to the Aberdeen Insider. "We're voting on what the language actually says, not what I say it says, but what the petition says. It's really important on this matter to know what it says."

At the heart of IM 28 is the debate over whether municipalities could continue collecting sales taxes on food and other items "consumed" by people. Opponents argue that despite IM 28 specifically stating it wouldn't apply to localities, other language in state law would prevent cities and counties from taxing

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an item the state cannot. If that legal interpretation prevailed, it would make localities' 2 percent sales tax on items for "human consumption" illegal, creating significant budget shortfalls.

But a 2023 explanation by Attorney General Marty Jackley does not touch on potential implications for municipalities, and a memo from the nonpartisan Legislative Research Council (LRC) agrees.

Still, city leaders aren't taking chances. Pierre warns that community services and funding for organizations like Meals on Wheels, the fire department, and the Boys and Girls Club could be affected.

The pair of cities is joined in opposition by dozens of business advocacy groups across the state. "South Dakotans Against A State Income Tax," the group fighting IM 28, announced that 50 of those organizations had

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predicted, though, that IM 28 will likely require legislative or judicial interpretation if approved, potentially offering an opportunity to address local government concerns.

The interpretation would at least focus on the term "human consumption" used in the language of the measure, which LRC explains would likely apply not just to food, but any goods or services used by people.

"(An) interpretation of 'human consumption' could include more than just food," a July memo from the LRC explained. "The assumption in this case is, if the intent of the measure was to limit its application to food only, the word 'food' would have been used."

LRC projects a more than \$646 million impact on the state sales tax revenues should IM 28 pass, but that's subject likely to change depending on how consumables

are defined moving forward. Not all city officials across the state are in lockstep agreement about the impact IM 28 would have in their jurisdiction, though. Sioux Falls City Council Chairman Curt Soehl agrees with Weiland in thinking that the impact of the measure is being overblown by its opponents.

"I do not believe it is going to affect the city of Sioux Falls ... The broadest interpretation possible would have to happen for it to impact us," he said, theorizing that state lawmakers would take the narrowest possible interpretation possible.

"That being said, if the state of South Dakota suffers a \$120 million or more reduction in their tax revenues, it will affect the city of Sioux Falls, because they (the state) are not going to be as quick to give us grants to help us with our streets, for example."



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Looking Back in Belle

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125 years ago
Belle TIMES
October 5, 1899

WASHINGTON WELCOME THE HERO OF MANILA Admiral Given a Splendid Reception at the National Capital

Oct. 4 – The homecoming of Admiral Dewey for henceforth the national capital is to be his home was the occasion of the greatest tribute ever paid by Washington to any individual. The citizens had made every preparation to make the occasion worthy of their hero. Pennsylvania avenue was one mass of colored bunting along the entire line of match from the station to the white house, and but few private citizens failed to make some display of color on their residences. Unique designs in fairy lamps dotted the horizon; great searchlight threw broad beams of bright light across the blue sky of a clear October evening and the stately capital and other public buildings, which stood within the range of vision. Admiral Dewey and the president reviewed the throng of people from the prow of the white Olympia projecting from the center of the stated erected just south of the treasury building at the head of Pennsylvania avenue.

It is learned from a reliable source that the South Dakota troops will come home over the Great Northern route and will go to Minneapolis on Thursday, October 12 and be reviewed with the Minnesota troops by President McKinley and party. The soldiers will Minneapolis Friday morning will scatter for the different points of enlistment.

WILL CARRY GRAIN TO SIOUX Missouri River Steamer to Move South Dakota's Immense Crop

Chamberlain, S. D., Oct 4 – The steamer Capitola has left this place for Running Water, where she will engage in the grain carrying business between that place and Sioux City for the balance of the season. As the crop was an immense one this season in the territory in which the steamer will operate, her owner, Commodore Sanford, expects to have a very busy season.

100 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
October 16, 1924

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE Vermillion, Oct. 13, 1924

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE Vermillion, Oct. 13 – Report has just been received at the office of the state oil inspector here from Inspector Runbeck who investigated

a fire near Roslyn alleged to have been caused by impure kerosene. The fire destroyed a farm home and caused serious injury to the farmer's wife, who had poured kerosene onto the kitchen fire to hurry dinner preparations. The hot coals in the stove caused rapid formation of kerosene vapor which, becoming mixed with the right proportion of air, exploded violently when a portion of the oil in the stove burst into flame. Inspector Runbeck learned from a young woman who was present at the time of the accident and who had herself purchases the oil in question, where and when she had purchased the kerosene. As the can and contents had been destroyed in the fire the inspector went to the store and learned that no additional kerosene had been placed in the merchant's tank since the oil had been purchases which was thought to have caused the explosion. Upon testing this stock of kerosene the inspector found it to be safe. A sample sent to the laboratory here for further examination has been analyzed and found to be not less than thirty degrees above the safely limit prescribed by law and of normal composition otherwise. State Inspector Frary again cautions against the use of kerosene for starting or kindling fires.

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The present city administration has been doing a great deal of work improving the appearance of the city during the past two years, but the most noticeable and most appreciated, is the oiling and fixing up of the streets. The last coating of oil was spread last week, and to eliminate the slow drying during cool weather, a coating of sand has been placed over the oil. This serves a double purpose, prevents the oil from being picked up by tires and feet, and gives a much better road surface. Chief of Police Hantz and Teamster Sherman have worked like Trojans all summer at this street work, and we now have the best streets of any town the size of Belle Fourche in the Black Hills region.

75 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
October 6, 1949

TRAIN OF CALVES, FRIST IN MEMORY, WAS SHIPPED OUT One of the few, if not the only trainload exclusively of calves ever shipped from Belle Fourche was hauled out Tuesday following the fifth annual calf sale at the local Livestock exchange. Consistently one of the top points of origin for livestock shipments on the Chicago and Northwestern railway system,



by Mary Buchholz

the Belle Fourche terminal Tuesday loaded 26 single and 5 double-decked livestock cars, containing approximately 2,000 of the 4,000 calves that were consigned to the sales ring here Monday. Highest price paid at the Monday sale went to Charley Thompson of Camp Crook who got \$32 a hundred for a 285-pound bull calf. Clifford Bean of Albion sold one steer, weighing 375 pounds, for \$31.25 a hundred for the second-best price paid. Tuesday's sale of sheep and hogs brought a top price of \$22.60 a hundred for 100 ewe lambs to James Courtney while the Albertson Brothers and A. J. Solon had 82 and 260 lambs, respectively, that sold for \$21.90.

Jail Gets A New Roof The Butte county jail is this week getting a face lifting – or rather a roof lifting. The jail house roof is being torn off and a new roof put on, as well as eaves around the roof. The work is being done by Whitaker and Mattson, Rapid City.

50 years ago
Belle Fourche Bee
October 6, 1974

Hunters to Use New Tag System This Year If you plan to hunt this fall there are two things you should know. No. 1 – The state Game, Fish and Parks Department is using a new type transportation tag this fall. No. 2 – There's a little note on the tag that says: "Read Carefully as all requirements of this tag will be strictly enforce." Conservation Office Harold Haivala hopes all hunters will pay attention to that warning. He says officers have instructions to follow the requirements of the tag to the letter. "We've become more and more lenient in recent years and the result has been less than satisfactory. Hunters have been taking more liberties every year," he said. "We're starting with a new type of tag this year and I hope everyone follows the instructions to the letter because we have no alternative but to make an arrest if instructions are not followed," he said. Haivala pointed out that all of the instruction are on the tag, which has an adhesive backing. Once attached, the tag is there to stay and can't be very readily removed and re-applied. The instruction say: The tag must be signed by the licensee. It must be dated by circling completely the month and day of the kill only on the face of this tag at the time the tag is signed. The backing material of the tag must then be removed from the tag and the tag wrapped around one hind leg. The directions specify that the tag must be attached before the animal is "brought into any hunting camp, dwelling, farm-yard, other place of abode of any kind, or before the animal is placed upon or in any vehicle of any kind."

Belle Bank Debts Show Small Gain Bank debits in Belle Fourche showed a gain of only two percent during the month of August, it was disclosed this week in the monthly report from the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank. August debits amounted to \$17,413,000, a gain of 12% over the previous period, while the total for the last 12 months is \$235,492,000, a gain of 18% over the previous period.



Butte County former jail, built ca 1897 listed in the Register of Historic Places. The availability of natural stone in western South Dakota contributed to the masonry tradition that developed in this part of the state. Sandstone was quarried at areas of natural outcropping in Butte county and was used for construction of massive public building.

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Editor's note: DeAnn Kruempel does a weekly column with stories include memories of growing up on the farm near De Smet, SD. Some are humorous. Many tie into present-day life. The Beacon will as space is available publish said columns.

Author DeAnn Kruempel is pictured with one of her books, Once Upon a Midwest Sunset, a compilation of short stories and memories of growing up on a farm near De Smet, SD. Her siblings, who are often the characters in the stories, share their memories, and Kruempel pieces them together into often humorous tales. Five Midwest newspapers run her weekly column, which began in 2020 under the heading, "Nooks and Crannies." After a year Kruempel compiled the stories and published them as Once Upon a Midwest Sunset. Since then, she has also published Putting on the Big Boots and Back to Forward and Leaving a Trail.

Kruempel has also written a series of historical fiction books based in Iowa during the late 1930s and WWII years. The first book in the series, Promises to Keep, depicts the joys and struggles of a young family

on their precious farm. The following books in the series, Promises Challenged, Promises Strengthened, Promises in Courage and Promises Under Fire continue the story through the end of World War II. Join the Andersson family as they endure blizzards, fire, polio and much more.

All of Kruempel's works promote strong family values and are enjoyed by adults and young people alike. She uses adventure, humor, love and hope to bring history to life. Her goal in writing is to keep memories alive.

All of her books are available on Amazon. Find out more on Facebook and her Amazon KDP author page.

The author grew up on a farm near De Smet, SD, the sixth child of Harrison and Mabel Wolkow. She attended school at Erwin and De Smet. Married Vicar Robert Kruempel and lived in Benedict, ND, Toeterville, IA, Akron, IA and Missouri Valley, IA. She worked in school and public libraries for more than 30 years before retiring in 2022. Kruempel now resides on an acreage near Logan, IA.

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Rauth Ranch Inc, Alva WY	60	Bk/Bw/Yrng Str	946	236.50	\$2,236.30
	60	Bk/Bw/Yrng Str	954	236.50	\$2,256.01
	76	Bk/Bw/Yrng Str	817	260.00	\$2,125.32
	17	Red/Rw/Yrng Str	861	240.50	\$2,070.42
6 Creek Farms, Ekalaka MT	103	Black-Yrfg Hfr	915	226.50	\$2,072.14
Leroy Schallenberg, Ekalaka MT	49	Bk/Bw/Yrfg Hfr Op	828	227.50	\$1,882.91
S&W Livestock Lic, Arvada WY	18	Black-Yrfg Hfr	946	220.00	\$2,080.22
Cliff Or Cheyenne Conry,					
Belle Fourche SD	18	Black-Yrfg Hfr Spay	917	224.50	\$2,058.54
Howard & Diana White, Upton WY	69	Black-Yrfg Hfr	751	243.50	\$1,828.36
Mary Beth White, Ranchester WY	13	Bk/Bw/Yrfg Hfr Op	836	224.50	\$1,876.30
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	10	Hfr-Yrfg Hfr	999	195.50	\$1,952.06
David A Or Denise K Wagner,					
Hulett WY	10	Rd/Bk-Yrfg Str N	769	245.50	\$1,886.66
	7	Rd/Bk-Yrfg Str N	860	228.00	\$1,960.80
	10	Red/Rw/Yrfg Hfr Sp	715	227.00	\$1,621.91
Sams Livestock, Weston WY	20	Black-Yrfg Hfr	805	236.50	\$1,902.64
Daniel Bird, Olive MT	23	Black-Yrfg Hfr	761	240.75	\$1,831.79
	38	Black-Yrfg Hfr	664	256.00	\$1,699.03
Burdick Ranch, Baker MT	38	Black-Yrfg Hfr	889	230.00	\$2,045.48
Cole & Lindsey Cook, Forsyth MT	25	Bk/Bw/Yrfg Hfr Op	888	229.75	\$2,040.63
Mark Miller, Bloomfield Ne	47	Bk/Bw/Yrfg Hfr Sp	896	221.00	\$1,979.83
Ivn Cattle Co Llc, Newcastle WY	25	Bk/Bw/Yrfg Hfr Bv	721	249.00	\$1,795.78
Johnson Sheep & Cattle Ll,					
Belle Fourche S	10	Black-Yrfg Hfr	815	226.00	\$1,841.90
Doolittle Wagner Ranch Ll,					
Belle Fourche S	12	Black-Yrfg Hfr	937	225.00	\$2,107.50
Kurt Collins, Broadus MT	9	Black-Yrfg Hfr	928	224.50	\$2,084.10
Labree's Red Hill Ranch L,					
Ekalaka MT	8	Black-Yrfg Hfr	879	229.50	\$2,018.16
Wayne Mopherson, Sturgis SD	28	Black-Yrfg Hfr	893	228.50	\$2,040.99
Duke Buffington, Hermosa SD	13	Black-Yrfg Hfr	815	229.00	\$1,865.46
Mt Frye Ranch Llc, Ekalaka MT	11	Black-Yrfg Str	785	254.50	\$1,997.82
Hamilton Inc, Osage WY	17	Black-Yrfg Hfr	883	222.00	\$1,960.78
Mecaha Cattle Co, Belle Fourche SD	12	Black-Yrfg Hfr	919	224.00	\$2,058.00
Collins Ranch Llc, Biddle MT	16	Black-Yrfg Hfr	931	222.50	\$2,071.33
Dave Frohman, Vale SD	6	Bk/Bw/Yrfg Str	823	240.00	\$1,974.00
CALVES					
Jae & Suzanne Notti, Otter MT	23	Black-Str	480	305.00	\$1,462.67
	17	Black-Hfr	455	293.00	\$1,332.28
Justin Yates, Hammond MT	29	Bk/Bw-Str	545	277.00	\$1,508.69
	13	Rd/Bk-Str	440	337.50	\$1,486.29
	22	Bk/Bw-Hfr	470	282.50	\$1,326.46
	9	Bk/Bw-Str	362	305.00	\$1,104.77
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	10	Bk/Bw-Hfr	550	269.00	\$1,479.50
	13	Bk/Bw-Hfr	500	255.00	\$1,274.01
Barb Or Byron Davis,					
Belle Fourche SD	5	Red-Str	589	225.00	\$1,325.25
BRED COWS					
Jae & Suzanne Notti, Otter MT	40	Bk/Bw-Brd Cow Sm	1276	-	\$1,925.00
WEIGH UPS					
Nate Frederickson, Spearfish SD	4	Black-Cow	1365	133.00	\$1,815.45

	1	Black-Cow	1665	129.00	\$2,147.85
Ross Potter, Spearfish SD	1	Rwf-Cow	1225	149.00	\$1,825.25
Ivn Cattle Co Llc, Newcastle WY	1	Black-Cow	1655	133.00	\$2,201.15
Charlie Hensley, Rozet WY	1	Hfr-Cow	1500	131.00	\$1,965.00
Ross Potter, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1240	131.00	\$1,624.40
	1	Hfr-Cow	1595	129.00	\$2,057.55
Nate Frederickson, Spearfish SD	1	Black-Cow	1530	123.00	\$1,881.90
	3	Hfr-Cow	1462	130.00	\$1,900.16
	1	Black-Cow	1425	110.00	\$1,567.50
Ellen Reddick Trust, St Onge SD	16	Hfr-Cow	1465	132.00	\$1,933.38
BULLS					
Dallas J & Anna Burch, Oshoto WY	2	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2100	150.50	\$3,160.50
Harold & Rebecca Burch,					
Oshoto WY	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2275	152.00	\$3,458.00
	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2610	155.00	\$4,045.50
	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	2085	167.00	\$3,481.95
Tarver Heart X Rch, Gillette WY	1	Hfr-Bull Drug Free	2040	147.00	\$2,998.80
Monte Joe Miller, Sundance WY	1	Black-Bull	2075	142.50	\$2,956.87
Marvin Smith, Sturgis SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	1930	165.00	\$3,184.50
Owen Rumph, Biddle MT	1	Black-Bull	2110	155.00	\$3,270.50
Doyle Or Lorie Dejong, Box Elder SD	1	Black-Bull Drug Fre	1770	170.00	\$3,009.00
	1	Bw/Bull Drug Free	1725	162.50	\$2,803.12
Tyler Gaer, Mud Butte SD	1	Char-Bull Drug Free	1825	167.00	\$3,047.75
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October 17, 2024	SPRING CALF & YRL SPECIAL / ALL CLASSES @ 10 AM MT	November 21, 2024	FEEDER CATTLE SPECIAL - FEEDERS @ 10 MT
October 18, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT	November 22, 2024	WEIGH UP SPECIAL - WEIGH UPS @ 10 AM MT
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WWIA 2nd Annual Rocky Point Archery Antelope Hunt Was A Success

Robbi Longbrake

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BELLE FOURCHE—It is said that out of adversity comes strength and courage; if that is true, then there are no stronger individuals with more courage than the four Purple Heart recipients who took part in this year's WWIA 2nd Annual Rocky Point Recreational Area Archery Antelope Hunt, September 18 to 23.

Tony Smith of North Carolina, Jeremy Smith of Burke SD, John Flener of Georgia, and Jason Pool of Alabama made their way to the Black Hills of South Dakota to take part in a bow hunt put on by Wounded Warriors in Action Foundation, Inc. "It was phenomenal," said Jeremy Smith.

All four participants filled their tags. Last year, only one hunter out of four filled his tag.

"And we really killed five, because Crystal also killed one, and she is also a purple heart recipient," said Jeremy. "It's a very difficult task to accomplish, and they did not expect all of us to get an antelope. This is not like the standard for archery antelope hunting, last year there was only one. This year we got four for four."

The men got to take advantage of all that the area had to offer, from walleye fishing to grouse hunting. "I mean, we had a great time, it was just very relaxed. If we wanted to take a nap, we could come back and take a nap. It was just peaceful, you know," said Jeremy.

Founded in 2007, the mission of the WWIA is to serve our nation's combat-wounded Purple Heart recipients by providing all expense-paid, world-class outdoor sporting activities as a means to recognize and honor their sacrifice, encourage independence and connections with

communities, and promote healing and wellness through camaraderie and a shared passion for the outdoors.

"So they have these all across the country for fishing, or hunting deer, antelope, and game birds. The foundation hosts almost 50 events a year in 34 states, sometimes in three countries," said Jeremy. "They serve over 200 heroes a year."

All of the fundraising and planning is done by local community members. This year's hosts were Crystal Masek and Brad Nelson. "Crystal is also a wounded warrior, so we definitely appreciate her service and the rest of our warriors, for sure, but she's also the host of this, she's the main organizer too, and Brad Nelson. They've collaborated and made something pretty wonderful," said Jay Leasure, Bureau of Reclamation. "The people that volunteered or do-Contd. C6 Hunt



Crystal Masek and Brad Nelson were the hosts for the WWIA 2nd Annual Rocky Point Recreational Area Archery Antelope Hunt.. Longbrake photo



Volunteers, donors and Heroes gather for the Volunteer Supper at the Rocky Point Rec Area. Longbrake photo

Empowering and connecting women in agriculture

South Dakota woman's podcasting and networking effort wins \$1.2 million grant to help emerging female leaders statewide expand their leadership potential

Kristi Hine
sdnewswatch.org

MITCHELL, S.D. – While reflecting on the need to build her own network within the South Dakota agriculture industry, Rebecca Blue began to wonder if other women in ag were encountering the same challenge.

“I’m from South Dakota, I’m a woman in agriculture and I kept wondering what networking options are available to me and who are the women I can connect with,” said Blue, who has an extensive agriculture career that’s taken her from her hometown of Huron to Washington, D.C., and Argentina.

With an undergraduate degree in agronomy and a masters in soil sciences from South Dakota State University, Blue followed an opportunity to Washington where she continued her career in agriculture, trade and appropriations policy for eight years.

Blue eventually was ready to return to South Dakota. She now divides her time between South Dakota and her husband’s native country, Argentina, while running her own agriculture consultancy, Blue Consulting.

It was strange for me to work my whole life in ag, be from South Dakota and have no network here,” said Blue. “I worked in D.C. most of my career and didn’t have that in-state network.”

As Blue began reaching out to South Dakota women about their networks, what she discovered was both eye-opening and motivating.

“Many women I talked to didn’t have the network they wanted. When I shared the idea of creating a place to connect, learn and collaborate, it immediately resonated with them and energized me to take it to the next level and form something meaningful,” she recalled.

With limited resources and a passion for moving her idea into something tangible, Blue used her personal savings to start a podcast, “The Best Job In South Dakota,” now wrapping up its third season.

“Podcasting is so great — it enabled me to do something I was passionate about with startup money out of my own pocket,” she shared. “I’ll admit, I’m one of those good ole South Dakota people who like to save for a rainy day, which gave me the opportunity. Plus I am fortunate to have the support of my husband, who said, ‘Go for this.’”

Launched in March 2023, “The Best Job In South Dakota” features women across the state who are making a difference in their communities through agriculture and related fields. Through the power of storytelling, Blue and co-host Chris Church aim to highlight the vital role women play while educating listeners about the importance of agriculture both on and off farms and ranches.

The podcast illustrates the impact of agriculture on all people, no matter where they live, to help ensure agriculture’s strength in the economy well into the future.

As she met and interviewed more women for the podcast, she found a kindred spirit in each of her guests and a resounding need for resources to help women in agriculture connect and grow their networks.

“I went out on my own and realized I was not alone. There were all these women going through the same thing. The podcast opened my eyes to the need for women to hear the stories of other women,” she said. “Women in agriculture have been a pivotal part of my own career. They expose you to leadership and opportunities, helping you get to these new avenues you maybe didn’t see yourself getting to.”

Access to funding through networking
Through the podcast, Blue



Kristi Hine

continued to grow her network. Then one of her guests in Season 1, Rachel Lawton, served as what Blue calls “the spark” to take her ideas to the next level. Lawton is a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) urban conservationist for the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition.

“That’s when the bigger program started to develop,” recounts Blue. “Networking at its best — that interview with Rachel led me to have conversations with other people at NRCS and they said, ‘Hey we think we might know of a funding opportunity.’”

In addition to NRCS, Angela Ehlers, executive director of the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD) was brought into the fold.

“I’ve always felt we’ve been wasting half the human potential,” said Ehlers. “Personally, I’ve always been a big supporter of women in leadership.”

In her position, Ehlers works closely with the state’s 68 conservation districts. During her 35 years with SDACD, she’s played an integral role forming new coalitions including the South Dakota Agricultural Land Trust, the Grasslands Coalition and the Soil Health Coalition. In 2021, she won the prestigious Spirit of Dakota Award.

Ehlers explained that she and Colette Kessler, assistant state conservationist for partnerships at NRCS, were having a conversation about what they could bring to the table.

“USDA had some increased funding for reaching out to underserved or unserved populations. As we were brainstorming, we came up with the idea we could apply to provide network assistance for emerging female leaders to expand leadership potential in South Dakota,” Ehlers shared.

Ehlers points to the low percentage of female board member and supervisor representation within local conservation districts as an example. Women represent just 10-15%.

Ehlers advised Blue that SDACD and the Jones County Conservation District wanted to apply to fund a project that would support increased engagement of women in agriculture and conservation through networking and educating.

“I originally thought of starting a mentoring program, but as my objective became clearer, the project focus shifted,” Blue said. “I want to develop a program that helps women be seen, exposes them to leadership opportunities and creates a safe space to share ideas and connect. I finally realized that’s not mentoring, that’s a networking program. We had a brainstorming session and I went ahead and wrote up a proposal.”

Having managed NRCS grants throughout her career, Ehlers looked at the South Dakota Conservation Collaboration Cooperative Agreement, identifying what parts of Blue’s program fit within the agreement.

“Rebecca brought a wealth of experience. She’s been out there interviewing women across the state and ruminating on what they’re saying, what their needs are,” Ehlers shared. “The point of this project is to connect, and it starts at the local level with people.”

Significant award granted
In June, a Conservation Collaboration Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$1,173,682 was signed by NRCS, the Jones County Conservation District and the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts. The project team, led by Blue, includes Ehlers, Kessler and Darrel DuVall, state outreach

coordinator for NRCS.

Work is underway to develop and implement a program to connect, engage and educate women in agriculture and conservation, empowering them to grow their networks, expand their opportunities and build collaboration.

The underlying belief driving the project is that women play an integral role in shaping the future of agriculture and conservation. Until now, women-specific data has been murky due to a lack of clear metrics.

“When I came into this position several years ago, I did an analysis on where we are with the different groups we service. As I went through that process and pulled out women and women-owned entities, there appeared to be a gap of direct financial assistance with women and women-owned entities based on census data,” said DuVall. “I came back to NRCS leadership and said the metrics don’t show we are doing well with women. One, we either need better metrics or, two, we need to put an emphasis on reaching out to women operators.”

The metrics DuVall refers to indicate that according to

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Ag Census data, 31% of producers in South Dakota are female. He explained that South Dakota NRCS does not have a good baseline to show if the agency is meeting the needs of women operators/producers in agriculture.

“We want to make certain all our programs and services are available to all — large and small, urban and rural, male and female — so we are putting forth the effort to identify barriers and make adjustments as needed,” he shared. “The project will also help NRCS gather solid data to clarify if there is indeed a gap connecting with women decision makers when it comes to land stewardship as well as providing a support system.”

Statewide networking hubs enable in-person contact
The proposal includes the formation of hubs staffed by managers in six regions across the state, within the vicinities of Sioux Falls, Brookings, Huron, Eagle Butte, White River and Spearfish.

“We went with hubs because we knew that none of us can be everywhere all the time. Plus it’s an effective model to build

local connections. Distance is an issue in our state,” Ehlers said. “Someone from Spink County might have a great idea that one in Clark or Brown County also has. The internet is a valuable tool, but sometimes you need person-to-person contact. Through these hubs, the idea is to bring women interested in career building, networking and education together.”

DuVall said that although this is a statewide project, the local aspect within each hub vicinity is vital to the program’s success.

“With touchdown points at each hub, they will be able to make a lot of decisions locally,” said DuVall. “What is interesting and very unique is the local advisory committee and the local hubs. It’s not top-down with the grantors saying, ‘This is how it’s going to be done.’ It’s the grantors coming alongside those that are passionate about the project and having a local advisory committee. That’s because of Rebecca’s leadership designing the structure of this.”

Blue said the team’s choice for each hub region was strategic: six is a manageable place to start and each vicinity has its own “flair.”

“In Brookings you have young women, university

Blue Contd. C6



Rebecca Blue (right) networks with **Christina Christensen** on Aug. 22, 2024, at Dakotafest in Mitchell, S.D. Christensen owns **Kimball Livestock Exchange** and Christensen Charolais Ranch. (Photo: Kristi Hine/ South Dakota News Watch)



Rebecca Blue (left) shares information about a program to connect, engage and educate women in agriculture and conservation with Dakotafest Woman Farmer/Rancher of the Year nominee **Kendra Olson** on Aug. 22, 2024, at Dakotafest in Mitchell, S.D. (Photo: Kristi Hine/ South Dakota News Watch)



Project team **Rebecca Blue, Colette Kessler, Angela Ehlers & Darrel DuVall** on Aug. 22, 2024, at Dakotafest in Mitchell, S.D. They are using a \$1.2 million grant to help women in agriculture grow their networks, expand their opportunities and build collaboration. (Photo: Kristi Hine/ South Dakota News Watch)

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden September 24, 2024



While we received another little dose of rain earlier last week, we are looking at a bit of a dry spell. There was also quite a cool down over the weekend so it looks like our warm, summer days are waning.

It was a nice enough day, though breezy, for the Sunday School Convention held at the Community Baptist Church of Union Center on Sunday. Churches attending were Prairie Bible Church, Prairie Home, White Owl, Opal and Union Center. There were four different Sunday School classes that day with a different church providing a teacher for each of the classes. Union Center Church earned the traveling trophy for the highest percentage of Sunday School attendance.

Larry and Sandy Rhoden attended the memorial service for Dale Hammock last Thursday in Spearfish. It was well attended as he lived out his last years in Wisconsin near his son, Clay and his wife. Several friends shared memories of Dayle and spoke about his love of hunting, ranching and firearms. He was highly respected as a public servant, his commitment to justice, his integrity, and strong faith in God. He had meaningful conversations with special friends this last year. *He never complained about*

his circumstances in battling cancer. He was a long time friend of Larry's who spoke to Dayle periodically through the years and even more this past year. Dayle was the one who first encouraged Larry Rhoden to run for office. In turn, Larry encouraged Dayle to apply for a legislative vacancy and Dayle was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to serve in the South Dakota Legislature. His conversations and shared wisdom will be missed by many. Flags were flown at half staff last week on the day of his memorial service.

For some it will be a busy week. The annual Buffalo Round Up will take place this Friday morning in Custer State Park. Some of the ladies in our area will be attending the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women State Convention this next weekend. They will begin at the Diamond Spur near Hill City and end their convention on Sunday morning at Mt. Rushmore.

On October 6 there will be a pot luck dinner after church services at the Church in Union Center. Following the pot luck there will be a Meet and Greet for the newest babies in the church. If one hasn't seen these new citizens yet all are welcome to come to pot luck dinner or stop by around 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

"Building Main Street, not Wall Street" The Paradox of Change!



Change is a fundamental driver of progress in any community. While the concept of change has been widely discussed, its critical role in community development is often underappreciated. While this column has many stats and figures, they all lead to the same conclusion, change or die!

A study conducted by the U.S. Military Personnel Center in 2018 revealed a fascinating paradox: when asked about their experiences, service members cited "constant change" as both their most liked and disliked aspect of military life. This dichotomy illustrates the complex relationship humans have with change – it is both invigorating and unsettling.

Research consistently shows that communities resistant to change often face decline. A 2020 study by the Urban Institute found that cities embracing innovation and adapting to new economic realities experienced an average GDP growth of 3.2% annually, compared to just 0.8% for those maintaining status quo policies.

There appears to be many attributes of effective change. Psychologist Lev Vygotsky's concept of the "zone of proximal development" suggests that learning and growth occur when individuals are pushed slightly beyond their comfort zones. In community development, this translates to implementing changes that challenge existing norms while remaining within achievable limits.

A 2019 survey by the National League of Cities found that 68% of local government leaders cited "fear of the unknown" as a primary obstacle to implementing significant policy changes. However, the same study showed that cities overcoming this fear were 2.5 times more likely to successfully revitalize declining areas.

Innovation researcher Brychan Thomas found that organizations treating failures as learning opportunities were 37% more likely to achieve long-term success in change initiatives. This principle applies equally to community development projects. Behavioral economist Dan Ariely's research demonstrates that people are more likely to accept incremental changes over time rather than sudden, large-scale shifts. Community leaders can leverage this by implementing a series of smaller changes to build change resilience.

A 2021 study by the Brookings Institution found that communities using data analytics in policy decisions saw a 22% improvement in resource allocation efficiency and a 15% increase in citizen satisfaction. Research from the International Association for Public Participa-

tion shows that projects with robust community engagement are 60% more likely to achieve their intended outcomes.

A longitudinal study of 100 urban renewal projects by MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning revealed that those employing adaptive management techniques were 45% more likely to meet or exceed their goals compared to static planning approaches. Communities that invest in change management training for local leaders and staff are 3.2 times more likely to successfully implement transformative initiatives, according to a 2022 report by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Cognitive psychologist Amos Tversky's work on framing effects demonstrates how the presentation of change initiatives can significantly impact their acceptance. By framing changes in terms of potential gains rather than losses, community leaders can increase buy-in by up to 30%. A comprehensive analysis of 500 U.S. cities by the Economic Innovation Group found that proactive communities – those initiating change before crises force their hand – experienced 28% higher median household income growth and 18% lower unemployment rates over a 10-year period compared to reactive communities.

The evidence is clear: change is not just beneficial, but essential for community transformation. By embracing discomfort, confronting fears, learning from failures, and building change resilience, communities can position themselves for sustainable growth and improved quality of life for their residents. Effective change management requires a delicate balance of bold vision and measured implementation. It demands data-driven decision-making, stakeholder engagement, and adaptive techniques. It also requires a shift from reactive to proactive governance.

As communities face increasingly complex challenges – from economic shifts to climate change – the ability to implement effective change will be the defining factor between those that thrive and those that stagnate. The path of change may be uncomfortable and at times uncertain, but it is the only route to meaningful progress and lasting

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Capitol News



Sept. 23, 2024
Tie Creek got about a half inch of rain this week. That is a good amount in a drought summer

like this. Capitol got less in this storm, but they had regularly gotten more during previous rains, so it somewhat evened out. Alvin and Marlee Cordell were glad to get a half-inch of rain, on Tuesday. They had bow hunters, this week, from Pennsylvania. They got two antelope, two deer and a cow elk, before going home. On Thursday, Marlee went to the cross country meet at Custer to see Rhys Pearson run. Alvin joined her on Saturday, and they went to a reunion barn dance. A big hip-roofed barn had been decorated for the dance, and couples dressed in clothing from the 1970's.

Invitations had been sent out to many people who were just turning seventy years old, and it was great to visit with those people again. The dance did not last late into the night, though. It seems seventy-year-olds go home earlier than they used to. Dick and Erma Albert went to dental appointments in Belle Fourche on Tuesday, and also went to vote.

On Friday, they went to the Senior Citizen dinner, for pork chops. Not many were there, because of tailgate activities before the football game. They went to the Catholic Mass on Sunday, and had lunch at Saloon Number Three. Bruce and Lynn Gustafson made a trip to the Hills for shopping, on Wednesday. Bruce and Lynn went in to Camp Crook, on Saturday, to visit with Pete Anderson. The frost had visited before they got up on Sunday, so gardening season is over, except for digging up potatoes and carrots. They went to Little Missouri Lutheran for church.

Junior and Shirley Melum had gotten a frost, too. On Tuesday, they had made a trip to Spearfish for their six-month doctor's

appointments. Their daughter, Bertha, had called for a visit. Dorothy Padden spend a few days in Billings with her son, Brett's, family. It was a special time, because her grandson, Easton Padden, was being honored at Carroll College. He was inducted into the college Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in track and field. Easton had been a three-time national champion in pole-vault, and on his fourth trip to the nationals, he was runner-up to the champion. That is quite a record. When Dorothy got back home, she spent time watching Harding County sports on YouTube. She is thankful for the videos and computer with YouTube coverage of the games.

Ronda Cordell is not sorry to see this summer go. She is hoping for future spring rains, and waist high hay fields next year. She was up bright and early, on Monday, to meet the Carter Charter in Ekalaka, for a five-thirty ride to Billings for her oncologist appointment. Luckily she had left early, because she got a flat tire at the Burch Ranch turnout. Her first two calls were unanswered, and she didn't know if her cell phone would have enough power. On the third call she got the sheriff's number, and Jerry came out to rescue her. In Billings she had plenty of time to get to her appointment. It was a beautiful day, and she even got home in time for the five o'clock news. On Tuesday, Ronda visited Cheryl Burghdoff and Reuben Balderez for coffee. She looked at some bales that they had gotten hauled in. At home she went in the barn to do chores. When she switched on the light it suddenly went black, and soon a high wind and rain came. Clint Zolnoski measured twenty-eight hundredths of an inch of rain. On Thursday, Ronda took a DNA sample to mail in Camp Crook and then went on to Buffalo for lunch. She went to take a peek at the garden on Sunday morning, to see if Jack Frost had come during the night. Although her thermometer had read thirty-nine degrees at four-thirty, the squash, planted on the west

and north edges, had gotten the top leaves slightly nipped. Nothing else showed any frost bite. Ronda went to Ekalaka for Ijkalaka Grocery Customer Appreciation, and visited with Diane Wear, Marion Kerr and many others. Ekalaka is always a good spot for a visit.

Karen Odell got some mowing done this week. The weeds got a boost after a nice rain. There was lots of lightning, and after the first shower, Karen could smell some smoke, but then another good rain came that must have put out any fires close by. The smoke had disappeared. Cooler weather moved in after the wonderful rain. On Wednesday, Karen spent some time reading at Wolffy's in Camp Crook while Tyler changed the oil in her vehicle. It was nice to visit with a few people while she was there, and sit in by the cooler to read. On Friday evening, Karen got to watch grandson, Kellan, in the Mitchell-Watertown football game. She was watching on the computer, and the Watertown cameraman was very good. She got to save some good still pictures of the captains as they met on the field, Kellan being announced and running through the team, some of his tackles and other plays. Watertown is rated second in the state, but Mitchell was tougher than expected, and scored twice on them, even though they lost the game.

Kellan is a defensive player, so he got lots of playing time. On Sunday, Chancey Odell came over for a visit, and put mirrors on Karen's Honda, so now she can back up with less trepidation. It's ok to tell fish stories to people who know you, but just be sure they don't know the fish.

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nated to this thing, it's been an awesome scenario, people coming together and collaborating in this community to make something like this happen."

"The community gets together and gets tons of donations. People come in and cook, land-owners donate their land," said Tony. "It's not like big professional outfitters doing crazy Cabela's type hunts, it's very personal, heartfelt, local people saying thank you," said Jeremy. "A lot of times it's sportsmen saying thank you the way that they know how."

Tony Smith got the call in June asking him if he was interested in an antelope hunt and he jumped at the chance to participate. "Hey, this hunt is available, is it something you want to do? As soon as she said antelope hunt I was like, YES! I don't care when or where it is."

WWIA coordinates all of the arrangements, so the veterans don't have to do anything. "The flight, the tags, putting us up in the cabin, I mean everything is all lined up," said Tony. "Everything is at no cost to the hero," added Jeremy.

Not only does the hunt help the local community in saying thank you to these American heroes, but also it allows the heroes themselves to heal. Tony shared, "I've been lucky enough this is the third Wounded Warrior in Action hunt that I've been on, and it's the best therapy."

I've had other therapy—but there's nothing better. It's not really recovery, I don't think, but it's something that's helped me. It's nice to have something to look forward to, it's easy to relax, and hang out with guys that have had similar situations."

Tony was stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2006 to 2020. "I was in Iraq when I got wounded, and it was supposed to be Operation New Dawn, we were done with combat operations, but nobody told the bad guys. I got hit by a Russian kinetic grenade in my vehicle," explained Tony. "It exploded right behind me and knocked me out, TBI, and then a couple guys in the back got shrapnel and the overpressure sucked the bulletproof glass inside. So guys got shrapnel from that, but could have been worse."

All four Purple Heart heroes

were stationed overseas when they were injured and shared their personal journeys that lead them to receiving the medal. They are truly American heroes.

"If communities like this don't come together, this doesn't happen, so it's really important that communities stand together, support each other and then support these heroes and these events," said Jeremy.

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Heroes receiving a proper hero's welcome at the Rapid City Airport. Courtesy photo



The four Purple Heart Heroes that participated in the WWIA Archery Antelope Hunt from left: Tony Smith, NC, Jeremy Smith, SD, John Fiener, GA and Jason Pool, AL. Longbrake photo



3 Arrows Outfitters received a picture in appreciation for the services they provided to the WWIA Archery Antelope Hunt Heroes. Longbrake photo



Part of the group and supporters at Rocky Point. Courtesy Photo



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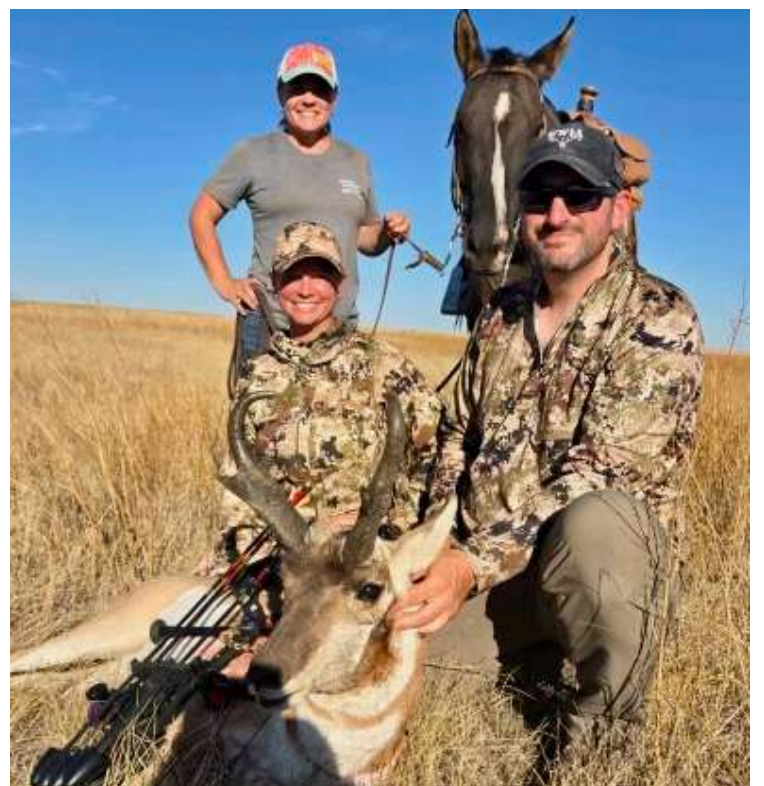
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Jeremy Smith, Tony Smith and Crystal Masek with Tony's Antelope.



Q&A: South Dakota's food tax repeal

Stu Whitney

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Sophie Stoffers carried groceries to her car in a Sioux Falls Hy-Vee parking lot and pondered a question from a reporter.

Would Initiated Measure 28, an effort on the Nov. 5 ballot to eliminate South Dakota's sales tax on food, make life better for her?

"I'm always a fan of saving money," said Stoffers, 24, who recently moved to Sioux Falls and works as an assistant athletic trainer at Augustana University. "But I don't know much about (the measure). I need to hear the pros and cons before voting."

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture data, an average family of four in South Dakota spends about \$1,200 a month on food purchased at a store and prepared at home. Eliminating the 4.2% tax on food would save that household \$50.40 a month, or about \$600 a year.

Stoffers and her boyfriend have noticed grocery bills ticking upward. She'll glance at the receipt on the way out of the store and try to cut back on nonessential items.

But that's a long way from breaking down the ramifications of a sales tax cut on consumables, especially with differing viewpoints of what IM 28 will do.

Opponents pounced on the wording of the measure as broader than just groceries. They said it could cause a budget crunch by preventing the state from collecting sales tax on "consumable" items such as tobacco, toothpaste and toilet paper.

Estimates for the loss of state revenue range from \$124 million to \$646 million annually.

From a consumer perspective, national data shows that while the rate of inflation on food has softened, the price of grocery staples such as beef and eggs increased by 3.2% over the past year.

"This is the right thing to do," said Rick Weiland, co-founder of Dakotans for Health, the petition-gathering group whose tax repeal effort was certified for the ballot with 22,315 signatures.

Assessing that statement means wading through a litany of factors, from legal language and tax policy to the



Gov. Kristi Noem meets with members of the media at Sunshine Foods in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Oct. 12, 2022, to discuss a repeal of the food tax. Her bill stalled in the Legislature, but **Initiated Measure 28** would repeal the tax if approved by voters on the November ballot. (Photo: Argus Leader)



Rick Weiland, co-founder of **Dakotans for Health**, talks to supporters at a press conference May 1, 2024, at the downtown library in Sioux Falls, S.D. The group's grocery tax repeal effort was certified for the ballot with 22,315 signatures. (Photo: Stu Whitney / South Dakota News Watch)



Nathan Sanderson (right), executive director of the South Dakota Retailers Association, speaks against Initiated Measure 28 as Sioux Falls Mayor **Paul TenHaken** looks on during a press conference July 9, 2024 at the downtown library in Sioux Falls, S.D. (Photo: Argus Leader)

ongoing conflict between a Republican-led Legislature and progressive groups that pursue policy change through citizen initiatives.

Here are the most pressing questions surrounding IM 28 as

the November vote approaches:

What's the argument for grocery tax repeal?

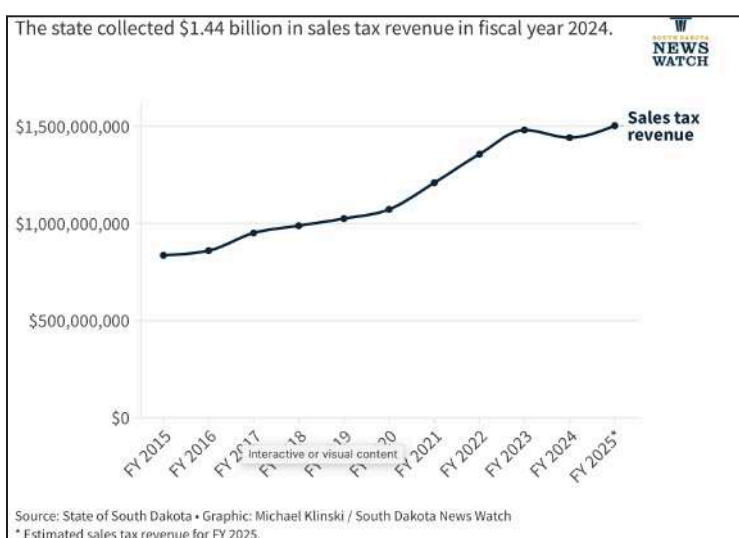
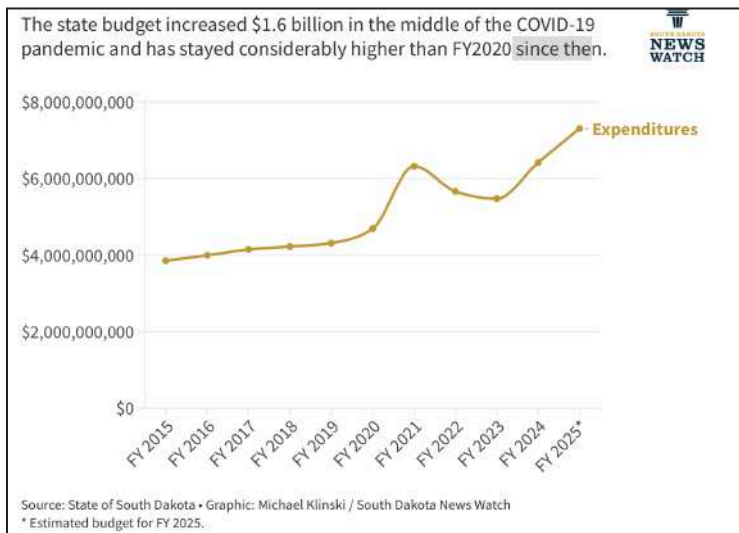
Supporters call the measure a long-overdue effort to take the tax burden off low-income families and individuals. South Dakota and Mississippi are the only states that fully tax food without offering credits or rebates.

The basic premise for eliminating the grocery tax is to make it easier for people to put food on the table within the constraints of their household budget.

"The tax is quite regressive," Anna Phillips, an analyst at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington, told News Watch. "If you look at the percentage of household income spent on groceries, low-income earners spend roughly double the percentage of their income that high-income earners do on groceries. So this is going to make more of a meaningful difference to families who are currently struggling to get by."

Feeding South Dakota, the state's largest hunger relief organization, estimates that about 106,000 people in South Dakota, more than 11%, are food insecure, which means they lack reliable access to enough affordable, nutritious food. Of that number, 1 out of 6 are children.

Has grocery tax repeal been tried before?



Oklahoma Gov. **Kevin Stitt** poses with supporters on Feb. 27, 2024, in Oklahoma City after signing a bill to eliminate the state's 4.5% sales tax on groceries. (Photo: Courtesy of Oklahoma Governor's Office)

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South Dakota's grocery tax has been a target of legislative reform for decades, mostly by Democrats.

In 2004, the South Dakota Democratic Party gathered enough signatures to put a state food tax repeal on the ballot after legislative attempts to eliminate the tax fell short.

Opponents of the effort, including then-Gov. Mike Rounds, warned that passing the repeal would likely reduce the amount of state aid available for schools and health care.

Voters responded to that message and rejected the measure by a margin of 68% to 32%. Later attempts by state legislators to lower the tax on food or exempt groceries from the general sales tax rate also failed.

Weeks before being re-elected in November 2022, Republican Gov. Kristi Noem made a public pledge to preside over "the largest tax cut in state history," a full repeal of the grocery tax. She vouched for its affordability and noted that voters might pass the repeal if lawmakers didn't.

But legislators rejected Noem's proposal during the 2023 session, opting instead to temporarily reduce the overall sales tax rate from 4.5% to 4.2%, with a sunset (or expiration) of 2027.

What's the main argument against grocery tax repeal?

There are fiscal consequences to eliminating the tax. Sales taxes are the largest source of state government revenue in South Dakota, one of seven states without a state income tax.

Phillips stressed that, while eliminating the grocery tax is a good way to advance racial and economic equity, states should pursue full repeals with caution due to budgetary impacts.

It's important to remember that state revenue lost from eliminating the grocery tax would be on top of the \$104 million estimated annual revenue loss from the overall sales tax cut passed by legislators in 2023.

So the question becomes: Can South Dakota afford to do this without having to cut important programs elsewhere or adding another tax?

Opponents of the measure answer that with a resounding no, citing what they said are ambiguous and problematic wording in the ballot measure.

The specific language of IM 28 prohibits the state from collecting sales tax on "anything sold for human consumption, except alcoholic beverages and prepared food."

Nathan Sanderson, executive director of the South Dakota Retailers Association, said that wording is so vague that it could prevent the state from collecting sales tax on "consumable" items such as tobacco, toothpaste and toilet paper.

The Legislative Research Council took that a step further in a report to state legislators in July, extrapolating the "human consumption" definition to include propane and motor fuel and services rendered by a plumber or landscaper.

Weiland countered that it was the LRC and attorney general's office that questioned ear-



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earlier language in IM 28, which led to the current framework. He called for common sense, saying interpretations of the measure should be shaped by the stated intent of petitioners to target taxes on food and drink.

"You don't drink gasoline," Weiland said. "You don't eat services."

What kind of budget crunch are we talking about?

Well, it's complicated. Not even the LRC, which provides statutory and legal guidance for proposed ballot initiatives, has been consistent on what the impact will be.

Reed Hollweger, who resigned as LRC director during a meeting of the Legislature's executive board in October 2023, addressed the potential for differing interpretations of "anything sold for human consumption" in a fiscal note sent to the secretary of state as required by law in January 2023.

"For purposes of this fiscal note," he wrote, "the LRC assumes the phrase only includes food items because of the modifying language 'except alcoholic beverages and prepared food' and does not include personal tangible property and services, both of which can also be sold for human consumption. Other assumptions as to the meaning of this phrase may be just as reasonable, if not more so."

With that qualification, the fiscal note said that the state could see a reduction in sales tax revenue of \$123.9 million annually.

Sanderson estimated to News Watch in June that IM 28 would result in a budget downturn of at least \$176 million annually because it would include tobacco products, defined in state law as "any item made of tobacco intended for human consumption."

Then came the kitchen-sink estimate the LRC presented to legislators as an update in July — a worst-case scenario analysis that said the budget impact could soar as high as \$646 million annually.

So which number is right?

The official fiscal note produced by Hollweger uses the \$123.9 million figure, while Attorney General Marty Jackley's ballot statement noted that human consumption "is not defined by state law, but its common definition includes more than just food and drinks."

Jackley's statement also said that "judicial or legislative clarification of the measure will be necessary." That's the one thing that both sides agree upon.

Any judicial review will likely involve trying to find a "harmonious reading" of the conflicting statutes or language, according to Neil Fulton, dean of the University of South Dakota School of Law and former chief of staff to Rounds.

"The goal is to identify the intent of the enacting Legislature, or the people in this instance," Fulton told News Watch. "Com-

monly, that's found from the text alone because it's free of ambiguity. But if the context or other aspects of the enactment lead to a different reading, or when a statute can be read multiple ways, the guiding star is, 'What did the people intend?'"

How much of a problem is IM 28's wording?

Phillips, the policy analyst, said the measure should have stipulated that the tax rate will be changed to 0% rather than saying the state "may not tax" consumables.

Eliminating the tax entirely would likely put South Dakota out of alignment with the Streamlined Sales Tax Project, a cooperative effort of states, local governments and the business community that standardizes collection of sales tax, she said.

"That agreement makes administration easier across states, both for vendors who have to comply with sales and use taxes as well as tax administrators," said Phillips. "So removing the tax entirely on groceries will take South Dakota out of that agreement, which would be unfortunate."

South Dakota could also lose revenue from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, a 1998 pact among 46 states and major cigarette manufacturers as part of litigation for health care costs and deceptive trade practices.

Jackley has said that not taxing tobacco could jeopardize South Dakota's share of that settlement, which amounts to about \$20 million annually.

As for the "anything sold for human consumption" language, Phillips pointed to more specific wording used by Oklahoma legislators in a bipartisan effort to reduce the state's tax on food and food ingredients to 0% earlier this year.

To stay aligned with the streamlined sales tax, the Oklahoma law defines food and food ingredients as "substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that are sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value."

That's essentially the same standardized language found in South Dakota Codified Law 10-45-1, which Hollweger said in a letter to Dakotans for Health in 2022 would "likely apply" to the LRC's original suggested language for the measure.

The Oklahoma law also states that the 0% tax rate does not apply to alcoholic beverages, dietary supplements, marijuana products, prepared food or tobacco.

Phillips said the differences between Oklahoma's law and IM 28 underscore the difficulty of articulating complex tax policy through a ballot measure, which needs to be clear to voters and cannot encompass more than one subject under South Dakota law.

Fixing that language "shouldn't be difficult to do," she said. "I would imagine the Legislature would have a bit of an incentive to do it because

they don't want to blow that hole in their budget."

What will legislators do if it passes?

Because IM 28 is an initiated measure, not a constitutional amendment, legislators have more power to craft the policy.

For instance, they can adjust the language to align with the definition found in South Dakota law, removing some of the unintended consequences cited by IM 28's opponents.

"The counter to many of these complaints (about wording) is that the Legislature has eight months to fix it," said Michael Card, an emeritus professor of political science at the University of South Dakota. "Part of this back-and-forth is due to efforts to limit the scope of initiated measures, a fight between the dominant (Republican) party and those who want to change laws through the ballot."

Sanderson responded that even if the language is fixed and IM 28 is sharpened to include only groceries, there are still repercussions on top of the earlier general sales tax cut.

Sales tax receipts declined by 2.6% in fiscal year 2024 after gains of 9%, 12.2% and 12.7% the previous three years, according to the South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management. That dip reflects the earlier sales tax cut and will require action if the state can't tax groceries or other consumables, he said.

"The problem is that IM 28 doesn't have any mechanism for replacing the lost revenue, so the money's going to have to come from somewhere," said Sanderson, who spearheads a coalition that opposes the measure.

"In order to make that up, they're going to have to raise a tax somewhere. That requires a two-thirds vote of a Legislature in which 94 out of 105 are currently Republicans. Are legislators going to vote for a (sales) tax increase to raise revenue? I don't think so.

And that's why we've expressed our concerns that if IM 28 passes, it's going to lead to higher property taxes or an income tax (through ballot measure) because the Legislature is simply not going to vote with a two-thirds majority vote to raise the tax."

Weiland called these claims scare tactics meant to influence voters and take the focus away from the merits of a grocery tax repeal.

He referenced past legislative overrides of resident-led initiatives such as IM 22, a campaign finance and ethics reform package approved by voters in 2016 that was later repealed by lawmakers with an emergency clause that ensured it could not be referred back to the ballot.

"I think every concern that's been raised, if in fact it was a real concern and not a campaign tactic, they could address very simply in the upcoming legislative session," said Weiland, a former Democratic candidate for U.S. House and Senate. "What I think they're more likely to do is talk about this \$646 million

hole in their budget so they can declare a state of emergency and repeat it like they did with IM 22."

Does Gov. Noem support a grocery tax repeal?

Noem personally testified in committee for her 2023 bill to repeal the grocery tax, based on her campaign pledge.

She pointed to double-digit increases in sales tax revenue in 2021 and 2022 and a budget surplus in 2022 of \$115 million, an outlook boosted by COVID-related federal stimulus and inflation-impacted tax receipts.

The bill ultimately failed, but the message was duly noted by Dakotans for Health and other groups that have pushed for eliminating the grocery tax.

"The Republicans' big argument has always been, 'Oh, we don't have the money to repeal the food tax. It will come on the backs of firefighters and teachers, or we'll have to do a state income tax,'" Weiland said. "Well, the governor took all those arguments and threw them in the trash."

But Jim Terwilliger, the governor's budget director, noted that Noem's proposal would have reduced the state's food tax to 0% rather than eliminating it, addressing concerns about compliance with the streamlined sales tax agreement.

The bill's language aligned with state definitions for food and food ingredients and it spelled out exceptions such as alcohol, tobacco and cannabis.

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She warned lawmakers of potential budget fallout if voters passed a grocery tax initiative on top of the general sales tax cut, pointing to public support for such a measure.

Terwilliger told News Watch earlier this year that Noem doesn't support IM 28 because of concerns about the wording. He added that the governor "still believes a repeal of the grocery tax is the best tax relief for South Dakota families if it is done in a responsible manner," though she didn't mention the repeal in her 2024 budget message or State of the State address.

Can cities and towns still tax groceries if this passes?

Again, it's complicated. The actual wording of the measure states that "municipalities may continue to impose such taxes."

But opponents, including the South Dakota Municipal League, said eliminating the tax, rather than reducing it to 0%, will render local governments unable to impose the food tax because of South Dakota Codified Law 10-52-2.

That law states that cities and towns can charge a sales tax if the tax "conforms in all respects to the state tax ... with the exception of the rate." Eliminating the tax entirely would create problems with state and local alignment, said Sanderson.

"Cities and towns can only tax the same items as the state," he said. "So despite the language in IM 28, if the state cannot charge a tax on 'anything for human consumption,' neither can a municipality."

Rapid City lawyer Jim Leach, who represents Dakotans for Health, called that a flawed analysis. His contention is that IM 28, if it passes, "becomes the law of

South Dakota" and supersedes the existing provisions, "which would allow municipalities to continue to tax food."

Hollweger, in a written statement to News Watch before he resigned, noted that "only the state was specified" in Dakotans for Health's final submission and that municipalities are not legally defined as agencies of the state. "Therefore, LRC concludes the proposed (ballot measure) would not prevent municipalities from imposing a sales tax on food," he wrote.

Hollweger did not respond to an interview request for this story.

Fulton, the USD law school dean, pointed to a legal principle that says when there is a general statute and a more specific law on the same topic, the more specific statute wins out.

"In this instance, the court would be looking at how IM 28 fits, or doesn't fit, with other taxation statutes and giving the right of way to the more specific statute," he said.

What are the alternatives to grocery tax repeal?

Several states use refunded tax credits for low-income brackets in which consumers pay the full sales tax rate on food but recoup some of those added costs by claiming a credit when they file their taxes.

The benefit of this, Phillips said, is that the relief is targeted toward low-income households, which makes it more efficient. Simply cutting the grocery tax affects these low-income groups as well as higher-earning families that are likely not as reliant on state dollars that could be used for other services.

The downside, she added, is that "people are going to have to know to apply for it, especially if you are dealing with people on very low incomes or fixed incomes who may not even file income taxes."

Even for those who do apply, the relief comes once a year during tax season, Phillips noted.

"If you're a family that's living paycheck to paycheck, you would rather take the benefits (every trip to the store) rather than waiting a year from now and getting it in a lump sum, which is harder to budget for," she said.



From C2 Blue

Faculty, inventive new companies. Spearfish is a leader in unique and innovative ag. In Sioux Falls we are looking at critical mass and the home location of ag company executive directors," Blue explained. "Huron is my hometown and the headquarters of Farm Bureau and Farmers Union.

The Intertribal Agriculture Office is located in Eagle Butte and there is a lot for us to learn from each other. NRCS proposed White River as another hub because they are already aware of many women seeking opportunity there."

Conservation and food security Bringing knowledge of opportunities in conservation is another key component of the project.

While many women are well-educated in their specific space in the agriculture world, they may be unaware of larger resources tied to conservation that could benefit their operation.

As an older conservation person, what I want to do is help instill the ideas of conservation and community involvement. Women know about their place in agriculture from their family or from their spouse, but how do they learn about conservation and the opportunities?

What I'm seeing in my job is a lot of organizations in the world care about agriculture, care about cropland, grasslands, habitat and water quality and their societal benefits," Kessler said.

"But these large organizations don't know how to connect with the rural communities. What I see with this project is connecting those rural people with some larger resources so they can make things happen in their local communities."

Kessler and Ehlers both stress that in order to accomplish this, the role of local conservation districts is key.

While NRCS provides science-based help for farmers and ranchers, conservation districts identify water, grassland or cropland projects and help producers organize and take on these projects. Both women said these projects not only address resource concerns but also strengthen rural ag communities.

"It's really important, so many communities across the state and the nation are concerned about food security, food sovereignty, having fresh foods at the local level," Kessler said.

"It doesn't matter whether you're living in Mission, Murdo, White River or Wessington Springs, there are communities where getting fresh produce is a challenge. A small producer could do high tunnel gardens and provide that local food source. There are ways that are not capital intensive that can help bring young people back to participate in agriculture and rebuild our communities."

Kessler said this project is akin to a modern, broader version of yesteryear's Cattlewomen of South Dakota and extension groups that were active at the local

level through a strong network of women aimed at improving their communities.

"Rural South Dakota is going to be stronger in five years, in 10 years, I know it," Kessler stated. "My vision for this project is to find those communities that have a culture of will to make things happen, then find those people that are involved, matching them up with the conservation and agriculture opportunities we have, making those connections and moving forward."

Next steps The project team just announced the selection of an advisory committee made up of six individuals to help with programming ideas.

"This piece is very important because the advisory committee sets the tone. We want to make sure we are hearing from a variety of people from across the state that are involved in many different aspects of ag," Blue said.

Advisory committee members: Kristi Cammack, assistant dean for West River operations for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences at SDSU; Mike Jaspers, business development director of East River Cooperative and former South Dakota secretary of agriculture; Donita Fischer, owner of Wóyute and Native Nations Rebuilder with the Bush Foundation; Jamie Johnson, a Frankfort farmer/rancher and 2019 South Dakota Leopold Conservation Award winner; Liv Stavick, executive

director of the South Dakota Agri-Business Association; and Justine Rivard, Black Hills Federal Credit Union ag lender.

The team is also working with a South Dakota polling firm to roll out surveying and focus groups later this fall.

"We always want to begin with looking at what do they want to learn from us, the customer first-perspective. That's where polling comes in," Ehlers said.

"The survey includes questions such as 'Where do you get your information? What is the speed bump you need to get over that would help you get more comfortable assuming a leadership role in your community?' Doing our due diligence on the front end will resonate more with women and play an important role of what programming looks like in the future."

Dakotafest in Mitchell in August served as the initial project rollout.

Blue, Ehlers, Kessler and DuVall connected with event attendees by handing out rack cards with basic information about the project and a QR-code survey link to begin gathering both demographic information as well as questions about programming of interest.

Among the topics: career development, fostering connections, supporting leadership roles, learning about farm/ranch business skills, marketing and understanding USDA programs.

"I focus on the natural resources side where Angela and Colette

are focused on growing local leadership for conservation district boards and other leadership," said DuVall. "Rebecca is really focused on the networking, educational and all leadership positions. All four of our efforts blend together well and help the project as a whole. The most important thing is continuity and providing opportunities on a regular basis for networking and lifelong learning."

Ehlers and Blue both acknowledge that at this point, the project is very fluid. If the team members find a statewide issue that needs to be addressed, they will focus efforts there. On the other hand, they already know that local concerns and issues will apply to that area.

"Some will be geographic, our state is very diverse. I'm hopeful our first successes will guide the project and bring forward what we need to be doing to serve women across the state," Ehlers said. "We have an idea. Until we put it on the ground we won't know exactly what it will look like."

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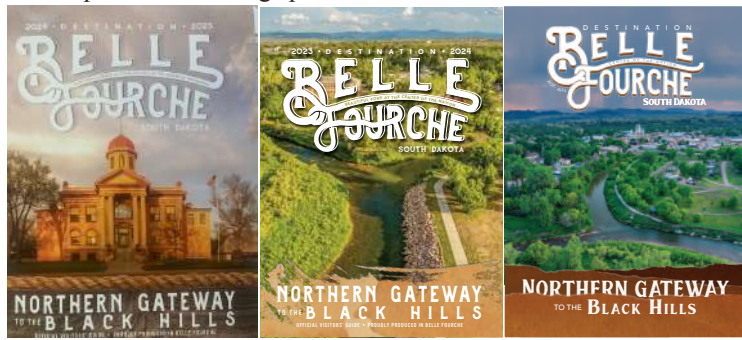
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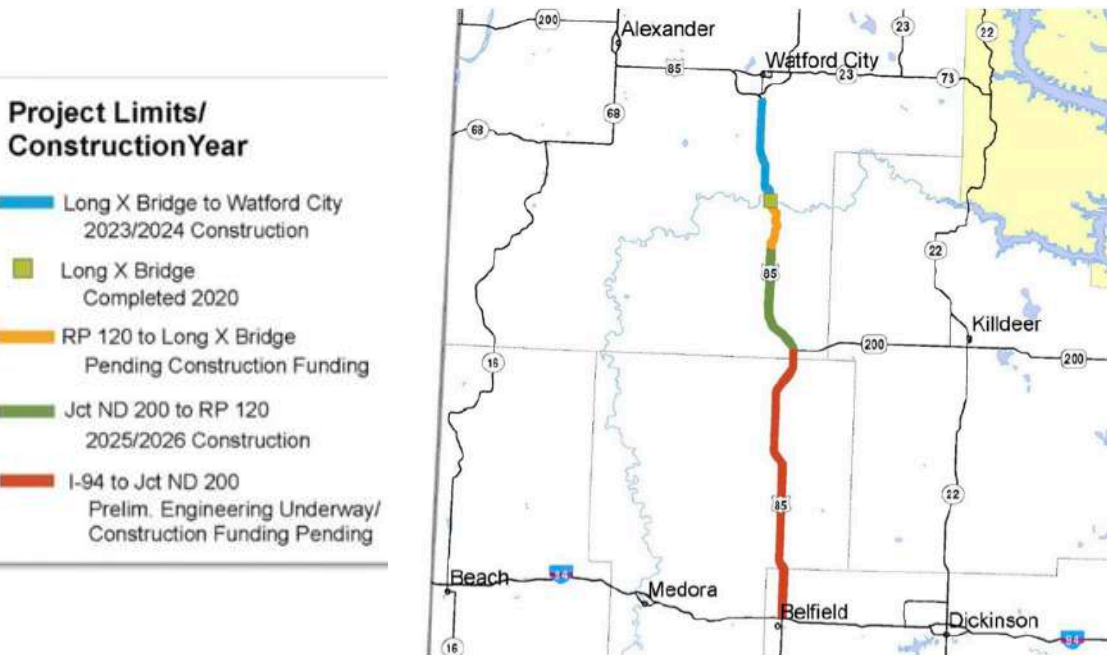
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2016		13,378	25,068			44,484
2017		11,452	25,332		15,664	45,540
2018	56,203	13,655	25,840	48,503	17,129	51,168
2019	59,816	15,124	25,268	46,963	16,570	51,669
2020	45,056	12,193	23,681	40,378	14,738	33,214
2021	42,659	10,237	25,606	38,400	13,477	35,131
2022	49,667	10,492	26,376	38,985	15,248	37,398
2023	59,658	12,164	28,651	46,730	18,022	44,829
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Good Shepherd Clinic

Next Clinic: September 26. Registration will be from 6:00-7:00pm.

Good Shepherd Clinic is a free medical and emergency dental clinic for adults, ages 19-64, who do not qualify for or have insurance and meet 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Since February 2009, the clinic has been open on Monday nights at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish to provide medical and emergency dental services.

The Spearfish clinic will continue to provide medical, emergency dental, counseling, and resource services on Monday nights at Our Savior's Lutheran church, located at 1020 State Street.

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October 6th-Cornhole Tournament@ Moose Lodge

More Than a Place

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NEWELL-Have you ever wondered what kind of story lies behind the walls of an old schoolhouse or building you see along the road as you travel the forgotten roads of rural western South Dakota? What would those walls tell us about the land and children that learned their ABCs and 1-2-3s? Did they grow to be involved in farming or ranching? What about politics-did they serve South Dakota? Or did they disappear into everyday life?

Two books written by area author Ruby Gabriel, *It's More Than a Place-West River I & II*, delves into the stories of the past in Butte, Meade, and Perkins counties. Her books are filled with the everyday lives of those who lived in the area. Stories she found in old newspaper clippings and South Dakota archives that gave flavor to the folks living and loving the area.

It started with a conversation she had with her sister as they watched the sunrise near her home. She was curious of the little towns that she passed.

"What happened to them?" she asked.

"You know somebody ought to write a book about that schoolhouse," she continued.

So, she began by researching the schoolhouse. That grew into two books highlighting the everyday life of West River residents. From the story of the first hanging in Deadwood to narratives of the happenings west of the Missouri River. These stories will definitely tantalize any history buff, according to Gabriel. There are tidbits that will interest anyone.

One of the best things about these books is that each story is a separate slice of history. Although, the old schoolhouse is still there and the town of Dowling is visible other towns are only a memory.

There is no town of Pedro except for a few old buildings. But the Pedro Bugle held testimonies of long ago. Carrie Ingalls, younger sister of Laura Ingalls Wilder, was the editor of the Bugle.

The historical documentaries are available from Gabriel who is only a phone call away. Give her a call at 605-441-3579. Both books can be at your fingertips for less than \$30. With Christmas coming that could be a great gift for anyone interested in the stories of West River. Someday soon it will be time to snuggle by the fire and read a good book.

Ruby Gabriel has gathered together stories of the past that draws thoughts of past generations into our lives. Enjoy!

Lions Club KIDSIGHT Visits Newell



Lion's Club members Sabrina Harmon, Ken Wetz and Donna Wetz set up the Lion's Foundation Kids Sight van.

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Newell Lions Club set up the Lions Foundation Kids Sight van at the Newell School on Tuesday, September 24 at Teacher's Conferences to do an Eye Screening for youth.

They saw 36 students and two were referred on for a further exam.

KIDSIGHT South Dakota is a free statewide vision screening program provided to children ages 12 months and up. The trained volunteers will come right to your school

or daycare! We use the latest technology and equipment to detect many eye problems. The vision screening machine simply takes a picture of the child's eyes and within seconds provides accurate results. No physical contact is made with the child and no eye drops are

required. Parental consent is required with all screenings. If you are interested in learning more about this program please contact one of us or go to <https://sdliions.org/programs/kids-vision-screening/> to learn more.

It's Absolutely a Good Thing



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NEWELL-It will be a sight to see for the future of Newell when Midwestern Meats can begin Ryan Dennis' dream of a large processing plant that will handle buffalo, beef, lamb, and pork from the surrounding area and beyond. Dennis has been working on the plans since at least 2022 and has learned a lot about grant writing and the hoops a new business plan must jump through.

Dennis has received notice that he is able to receive a \$4 million grant, which

is about 30% of the costs involved, contingent on more environmental and historical studies. He will then move into the financing part and letters that show a lender is willing to lend the balance. Once he can show ownership, the grant will be finalized. The way it works, Dennis explained, is that the grant is secured, then the finance. The 30% grant is a reimbursement grant. Dennis is working on another grant for energy efficiency.

"It's a very complex process," Dennis remarked. The grant is part of the USDA's final investment in the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program. The initiative is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act launched in 2022.

US Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said the expansions of smaller, independent processors will help make meat processing industry more adaptable to disruptions-a problem exposed in the early months of COVID pandemic when some major meat processors were forced

to temporarily shutter their operations because their workers were infected.

Location of the new locker plant will be at Block 95, Lot 1, 2, & 3 on the east edge of Newell. The 18,500 sq. ft. building will capable of processing more animals than the present location which was founded in 1911. Dennis said he will probably employ five to eight employees.

Not only will the new plant bring in more business which in turn brings more tax dollars to the town, but will bring people into Newell to compliment the businesses in town.

As Dennis looks to the future, his vision sees retail sales, meat processed for resale by Farmers Market vendors, hotels, restaurants, and will included a bid for meat processed for schools. His desire is that local producers can expand their business.

Having a Federally inspected plant is a "big deal" Dennis pointed out. It will enlarge the entire area's businesses from large to small. Midwestern Meats will be able

to process even more animals from North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The new facilities will have more capacity and cooler space.

Presently, there is a delay getting the transfer of property from the city finalized. In February, Newell Commissioners voted to transfer the lots to the Newell Development Corporation. The land then could be sold to Dennis. At this point, that transfer is still in transition. Dennis is also seeking to have an alley vacated to allow for the plant. As he was researching the property, he found out that when Highway 212 was widened, part of the lot became smaller. He needs to have the alley vacated to allow for the size of the plant.

"I want the community to know how grateful I am. This is a really great community," Dennis said.

He continued to say that Newell embodies a small town that really cares. He hopes to be here a "long, long time."

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Grand River Roundup



Betty Olson

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The weather sure warmed up again this week with a high of 101 degrees on Sunday, but still no rain.

We want to congratulate Eric and Amanda Schuchard on the birth of granddaughter, Celia Rainn who was born Friday, September 20 to their daughter Kiley and Mason Sandal. Celia weighed 8lbs 14oz and joins an older brother Statler.

Casey and Missy, and Taz and Amanda and their kids came home from Trig and Dakotah's wedding last Sunday afternoon. Thad, his daughter Kanon and his son Till came to visit us Sunday evening and Thad brought us a bunch of tomatoes and green peppers from his garden that I was really

happy to get!

Casey and Taz moved cows Monday morning and we all went to the volleyball games in Scranton that evening to watch the Harding Ranchers play against the Hettinger/Scranton Night Hawks. Our granddaughter Acalia Olson plays for the Night Hawks so we were cheering for both sides. We sat with Alaina and Dathan and Alaina's mother Polly Markegard, but Sage wasn't there because Ellarie and Irelyn had a basketball game in Lemmon that evening and it was Irelyn's birthday.

Val Ganje and Pete Solemasaas came down from Bismarck Tuesday afternoon to buy a bunch of old stuff from us again. We spent a lot of time looking at stuff here and over at the two east places. Our dog

Charlie chased us all six miles over to Glendo. We usually tie Charlie up because he chases our vehicles out to the highway, but this time we were running around so much we didn't get him tied up and he disappeared before we got home. Casey and Taz went to the visitation for Phillip Ellingson in Hettinger Tuesday evening.

Taz went to the Hackamore Wednesday morning to help Doug and Clint Doll vaccinate and Casey hauled bales from John Palczewski's all day. Reub and I went to our old friend Phillip Ellingson's funeral in Hettinger that afternoon and went down for his burial at the Duck Creek Church where his wife Sharon is buried. Reub and I rode down there with my cousin Joe and Karen Wilkin-son and then we came back to Hettinger to have lunch and fellowship at the Granary. Phillip's mother was a Nash and lots of Nash family members and relatives came to the funeral. My mother, Lila (Wilkinson) White, grew up with the Nash families while she lived at Glendo and, although we are not related, they are defiantly family.

There are more deaths to report: Aldene Powers, 85, of Lemmon, passed away on Monday, September 16, at West River Health Services of Hettinger. Aldene's family is planning a Party of Life to celebrate her at a later date. Her ashes will be

taken to where her heart always rested in San Francisco Bay. Aldene hauled the mail from Lemmon to Reva for years.

Gladys (VanWyk) Vliem, 89, of Hettinger, passed away on Tuesday, September 24, at Western Horizons Care Center in Hettinger. Funeral services will be held at the Holland Center Church in Lodgepole on Saturday, October 5 at 11am.

Casey and Taz spent all day Thursday hauling manure out of the feedlot at the old place. Reub emptied out all four of the raised beds gardens that day and hauled in more soil to replace the stuff that was in them last year that killed everything I planted! Missy went to Buffalo that afternoon to play bingo with Copper and Knox for Grandparents Day. Our dog Charlie still hadn't come home, so I drove the pickup over east looking for him. I finally found him in the yard at the Jacob's place where Reub and I used to live before we moved back to the ranch. Charlie was really glad to see me and chased the pickup all the way home. After three days of being gone, you can be sure he'll get tied up next time we drive out!

Reub and I and Charlie went over to the east place Friday morning in the side-by-side and while we were gone, Grandma Starla Jenson brought Knox and Keen down here to play with the other little people because Knox had stayed with Grandma and Grandpa Jenson the night before, but she had

taken Keen home before we got back to the ranch so we didn't get to see the cute little guy. Missy went up to South Heart that afternoon to bring Lanie and Matt Klug's kids down here to spend the weekend. Watching nine little great grandkids playing outside is really fun!

Casey and Taz spent most of Saturday working on the spring up at the old place. It was another hot, windy day so I washed all the laundry and hung it outside on the clothesline to get it dry fast. It's amazing how solar and wind work so well together when the clothes are hanging outside to dry.

The Threshing Bee down south of Meadow Corner started Friday and continued through Sunday. We were busy working around here and enjoying the great grandkids on Friday and Saturday but Reub went to the church service down there Sunday morning while I went to church here because the community Hymn Sing was that evening at Holland Center and our choir needed to practice. Unfortunately, most of the choir was gone so we didn't sing at Holland Center. Pastor Henry Mohagen and Bill Holt were with a group up in Alaska working on the FLAPS hanger and airplanes.

Our granddaughter Kanon Olson who came to visit is a veterinarian so I'll leave you with this:

In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

October 1, 1914

As we go to press, a forest fire is raging near Black Hawk. The 11:00 o'clock passenger-with Northwestern set it afire Tuesday. With the dry spell it is likely to do a great deal of damage, unless rains come to extinguish it. The entire Forest Service of the Black Hills has been called out to fight it.

M. & Mrs. Fred Kinkade and Mrs. C. H. Kinkade spent Thursday visiting friends at Ball. Mrs. C. H. remained for a few days with Mr. & Mrs. George Hohenberger. Mr.

and deciding that there was no good to happen. The herder took a crack at the rider and killed the horse. Next morning the saddles and bridleless body of the horse was found with the brand cut away to prevent identification.

Frank Bruner, the twin of Fred, spent several days here last week visiting his brother and his sister, Mrs. William Blacklock. Mr. Bruner is a cadet at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

The Social Union of the Congregational Church will

by Linda Velder

Mrs. Geers, while turning her car at the Bear Butte Valley Gas Station, was hit by a car from Lead, badly damaging both cars, but no one received any personnel injuries.

President Woodburn, of the Black Hills Teachers' College and Mrs. Woodburn of Spearfish were dinner guests last Wednesday at the Mullenix Hotel, and also visited their daughter Dorothy, who is teaching in the Vale High School system. Mr. Woodburn took an interesting part in the discussion at the Black Hills Church Convention that afternoon at Vale.

September 29, 1944

Mexican Nationals, who assisted in the planting season on the Project last spring and since have been employed in eastern South Dakota, will be returned to this area this week for sugar beet harvest. Approximately 300 Mexicans will be needed for the harvest. About 260 are now available and a request has been made for another 40 to 50. The beet harvest and slicing campaign starts next week.

Merry Maids 4-H Club was entertained last Saturday at the home of Verna Alice Lyons. Election of Officers was held; President Esther Anderson, Vice President Roberta Post and Secretary-Treasurer Janet Rogers. Games were played and a tasty lunch was served. Several new members joined the club. The girls enjoyed a hike that evening accompanied by Mrs. Jas. Gadsden and Miss Ellen Esmay. INC will meet next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Gadsden. All the while Mr. Gadsden attended a meeting of Black Hills Power & Light Managers in Rapid City.

Hopes that shotgun shells supplies allocated to South Dakota were expressed today by Game Director Elmer Peterson, who wired Senator Chan Gurney that some previous allocations have not arrived. Shells

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earmarked for South Dakota but shipped to other jobbers outside the State, have not reached the State, having been sidetracked and disposed of elsewhere. Senator Gurney announced last week the War Production Board had released 12 to 24 million shells for jobbers in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

September 30, 1954

Martha Knutson and Cherril Gladstone were supper guests Wednesday evening at the Art Noste home, to help Karen celebrate her birthday. Andy Pokorny, Tommy Fabricius and Roger Zwetzig were supper guests Friday at the W. R. Pickard home in celebration of the 12th birthday of Tommy Pickard. Games were played and gifts opened at both parties.

"Dakota Days" has been selected as the theme for the annual Newell High School Homecoming celebration which will be held next Friday, according to Student Council President Harvey Gray. Gray revealed other plans for the event: prep rally, burning of the traditional "N", snake dance through town, parade Friday afternoon down Main Street and a game under the lighted field against the Vale Beetdiggers. Named as candidates for Homecoming Royalty are Queen Seniors Janice Boe, Pearl Sprague and Yvonne Webb with Pages, Juniors Joan DeGarlais and Jeanne Viken. The Student Body will vote for the Queen who will be crowned at the half-time ceremony.

Teachers at the Newell School and their families were entertained at a pot-luck supper at the Congregational Church dining room. Mrs. Felix Busse

was in charge of the arrangement assisted by the Women's Fellowship. Mrs. R. C. Johnson oversaw the program; Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Brodsky entertained with violin and piano music afterwards Supt. G. W. Austin introduced the teachers, and a song parody welcoming was sung. Mrs. Johnson read a poem by Edgar Guest followed by group participation in telling "school days" jokes. In closing Roger Van derBoom sang two solos with Mrs. Johnson as accompanist. All agreed, it was a most enjoyable evening and ended too soon.

September 24, 1964

Golfing is a family affair here. Newell's coach Bob Peterson, and his wife Sandi Peterson won Championship honors, in the Men's & Women's Division of the Annual Fall Tournament of the Newell Golf Club Saturday and Sunday, while runners-up were Jack & Audry Dawson, Third Place honors went to Cletus Huber and teammate Gretchen Gladstone. Prizes for the tournament will be awarded at a special event, it was announced by Club President Duane Friez, to be held at the club house within the couple next of weeks followed by a ball & chain tournament.

Bill Marty drove to Rapid City on Friday and was accompanied to Newell by his son Jess, who is a student at Southern State College at Springfield. Jess was in Rapid City as a player with the Southern State football team, who played the SD School of Mines & Technology on Saturday.

A pioneer mail route in this area was re-established on Saturday, which daily service began from Castle Rock east in the morning Newell to Sorum run, driven by Bob Richards of Newell. Those now receiving mail on the added portion of the route are the Goeringer Farm; the Storm School; and the ranches of Elmer Eichler; John Erk; Charles Tryon; George Erk; Flaigg Bros; Sophia Blomberg and John Corrigan. The first mail service was started in 1910 and discontinued during WWII 1945, since leaving the community without mail service until present time. The two carriers on the route will drive over 99,000 miles a year.



Passenger Train at Newell Depot, 1914. The train's source of fuel was coal and at times would drop hot cinders on the track which would cause grass fires. Newell Museum

Hohenberger, the US Land Commissioner, is taking care of the Proofs at Sulphur in the absence of Commissioner Burr Adams.

S. B. Standard is busy with several teams putting in steel culverts southwest of town. The County Commission has had a large number of steel culverts put in the ravines all over the project which has made great improvements in the roads. For several years, it has been almost impossible to get over the roads with loaded teams or autos when farmers were irrigating. And by the way, wherever Mr. Standard does a piece of work it is done right.

September 25, 1924

Every farmer, businessman and all others who can possibly spare the time should make it a point to attend the sugar beet conference at the US Experiment Farm, Saturday at 1:00 PM. Supt Beyer Aune will give the records of the beet experiment at the Farm and describe ground preparation and methods of culture used. J. Fred Slick of the Great Western Sugar company will give expert advice on the subject and all about information on firsthand the industry which promises to bring a new era of development and prosperity to the Irrigation Project.

A shooting incident which occurred in the Hoover District about one week ago. The story is that during the night a sheepherder discovered a horseman riding around his flock. After watching the intruder for a time

serve a fine chicken supper Saturday, September 27, commencing at 5:30, in the room next to the old Reclamation State building. Adults 50 cents, children 35 cents.

October 4, 1934

About 32 neighborhood friends of Mrs. Guy Livingston surprised her on Wednesday due to the fact that she has been laid up with a broken ankle during the canning season. Each of the guests brought 1 or more jars of canned fruit, vegetables or jelly. Fifty-four articles were presented to her as a token of esteem. The ladies served the cake and coffee they also had brought.

M. Meyers, who has been suffering from blood poisoning for several months in a hospital at Rapid City, is home under care of Mrs. Clara Geers at Vale. After having had a couple of operations, he has lost one forearm. Previously,



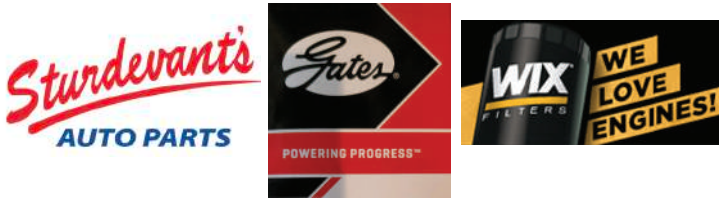
Sugar beet test plot in the foreground, at the US Experiment Farm. A test plot of oats bordered it to the north. 1924. Encouraging local farmers to grow sugar beets. Newell Museum

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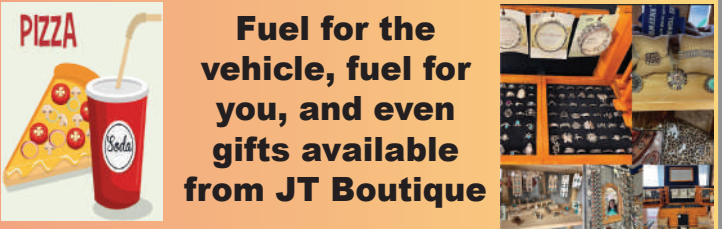
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skills camp for learning about defensive line, offensive line, kicking, and passing. The camp will be at the Newell School District football field for kids in grades K-5 th .

Volleyball team will be participating in a city wide clean up day. Morning of October 11 at 8:00 am, players will be meeting at the park and organizing a clean up operation.

Please feel free to engage with the student athletes in the endeavor.

Newell Cross Country team is operating a shoe drive. Shoe drop off point is at the Newell School. Please donate clean quality shoes as the items will be set out for pick up in the multi-purpose room on Friday and with the Booster Club Tailgate before the Homecoming game.

Sports is a unique opportunity for people to gather and strengthen a sense of community. Newell athletes promote growth and development for the present and future of the Newell School District. Please join them in this mission.

Ten Commandments of Firearm Safety

1. Watch the muzzle! Keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times
2. Treat every firearm with the respect of a loaded gun.
3. Be sure of the target and what is in front of it and beyond it.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
5. Check your barrel and ammunition.
6. Unload firearms when not in use.
7. Point firearms when not in use.
8. Don't run, jump, or climb with a loaded firearm.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely
10. Avoid alcohol beverages before and during a shooting. Zero tolerance for underage alcohol use!



Here's What's Happening in Newell!

Homecoming Parade, Chili Cookoff, Pie Sale, Bingo-October 4. Beginning at 12:30
Homecoming FB Game-October 5
Fire Prevention Week-Oct. 6-12
Educated Voter, October 7, 6pm
Austin Auditorium
Don't Thump Your Melon. Oct. 8
National Walk, Ride, and Roll Day-Oct. 9

Saturday Mornings
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Chicken & Noodles, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Fruit, Milk, Muffin	Meatball Subs, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk	Sack Lunch-sandwich, veggies, fruit, apple or orange juice
7)) Egg Patties, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	8) Breakfast Egg Rolls, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	9) Waffles, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	10) Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	11) NO SCHOOL
Chicken Nachos, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk	Tangerine Chicken, WG Rice, Oriental Vegetables, Fruit, Milk	Cubano Pulled Pork Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Patties, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	
14)Egg Bites, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	15) Egg Patties, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	16) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	17) Quesadilla, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	18) NO SCHOOL
Chicken Gyro, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk	Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk	
21) Pancakes, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	22) Yogurt Parfait, Cereal, Juice, FF, Milk	23)	24)	25) NO SCHOOL
Cook's Choice, FF, Peaches, Milk	Quinoa Salad, Fruit, Milk			

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HuntSAFE Classes

The Newell School/WIT Coalition had the opportunity to ring in the Game, Fish & Parks Hunter Safety Training to the school. It was taught in 10 consecutive school days starting September 9. This all falls within SD Educational content standards for PE. This course was offered to the Sixth-Grade class. The students are required to take a final exam in order to receive their Hunt SAFE Certification Card.

Non-functional demonstration firearms are used for the lessons. The goal and emphasis of this course is on SAFE, re-

sponsible firearm handling.

This is a valuable life skill regardless of whether someone chooses to hunt. Our goal is to teach the importance of handling a gun safely. The GFP certainly encourages everyone to make the most of the wonderful natural resources that Sd has to offer, they also realize that hunting will not become everyone's favorite activity. While hunting is used as the foundation for the course, the skills and information gained are valuable for the non-hunter also.

Conservationists that helped

with the ten-day class were: Fred Wells (main instructor), Mike Keolker, Jacob Schwint, Fred Lamphere, Ed Culver, Scott Mikkelson, Bill Eastman, Chuck Berdan, and Rick McCartney.

Each student received HuntSAFE workbook, Hunting Handbook, an orange cap, and safety glasses on completion of the class.

We are very fortunate to have these guys come and share their knowledge and passion to conserve our hunting privileges and to teach about being SAFE around firearms.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

October 5: Booster Club will host a tailgate party prior to the Homecoming football game.

We will also assist the Cross Country team with their shoe drive by providing help to

disperse shoes they collect. Plan to begin at 5 pm for set up and the meal will be served at 6 pm.

October 11: HS Volleyball is having a town clean up day from 8-10 am. Meet at North

Park if interested in helping.

Games are back! Help is appreciated to support our custodial staff. A few minutes of picking up trash or sweeping floors goes a long way!

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week 2024 will take place October 6-12, and this year's theme is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"

You can use this week to educate the community on the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

Check out the NFPA.org website for more information.

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Fire Person for the Newell, Vale, or Nisland Fire Departments attend one of their monthly meeting to learn more about the opportunity.

They all meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month. * Each in their own Fire Halls at 7:00 pm

If you have questions contact:

*Newell—Verl Tiffit at 605-645-0641

* Vale—Ryan Stark at 605-209-2799

* Nisland—Stan Lewis at 605-645-813

The Newell Fire Department will be doing a Fire Prevention Presentation at the Newell School on Tuesday,

October 8, 2024 in the MS Gym and have a

Fire Truck Outside for viewing for K-5th Grade



WIT Spotlight

WIT Coalition Spotlight As a way to honor our coalition members and to get to know each one a little better, we are doing a Coalition member spotlight in our monthly newsletters. For the October we are honoring coalition members Ken and Donna Wetz.



Ken and Donna Wetz both graduated from Vale High School in 1966 and 1967 respectively. Ken attended Black Hills State College and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He had a double major in English and History, teaching in Newell for nine years, before being employed at Butte Electric Cooperative as the Member Services Manager. He became the General Manager of Butte Electric in 1990 and held that position until his retirement in 2012.

Ken and Donna have six children who all graduated from Newell School. Six of their fourteen grandchildren also graduated from Newell.

Donna attended one year a BHSC and chose to be a stay-at-home mom. When the children were all in school, she started work as a Rural Mail Carrier out of the Newell Post Office. She carried mail for twenty-three years and also retired in 2012.

Ken is the chairman of St. Mary's Catholic Church council and Donna is in the Altar Society. They are the groundskeepers for the church.

Ken is currently chairman of the Butte County Historical Society. Ken and Donna have organized over thirty of the fifty-three historical tours that the Society has sponsored. They are both working with the Society to put permanent markers on the Ft. Pierre to Deadwood trail, that was used to bring supplies to Deadwood during the gold rush of 1876. Ken received the "Governor's Award for Historic

Preservation," in 2018. Ken served as Mayor of Newell for a total of twenty-six years. Ken is currently the Chairman of the Newell Economic Development Organization. He received the "Governor's Award for Excellence in Economic Development," in 2006.

Ken served in the South Dakota State House of Representatives for two terms. He then began his career as a Lobbyist during the Legislative Session for the South Dakota Rural Electrics. He did this for twenty-two years.

Ken and Donna were leaders of the Horse Creek 4-H Club for thirty years. All their children and all their grandchildren are graduating members of 4-H.

Donna and Ken are on the Board of Directors for ABC (Action for the Betterment of the Community) New Dawn. This is a rehabilitation center for drugs and alcohol located at Vale, SD.

Donna has been an active member of the Tot-N-Twenty Extension Homemaker's Club for twenty plus years. Ken and Donna are members of the Newell Lions Club. "Where there is a need, there is a Lion". Donna is currently the advisor for the Newell LEO Club. These are students making a difference in our community. They have also been active in Lions in the District and Multiple District. Ken was the Lions District Governor in 2014-15. Ken currently serves as Lions District Treasurer. Donna is the Chairman of the Leader Dogs for the Blind cabinet position for the Lion's District. On the Multiple District level, he served as Council Chairman and has been a District Governor trainer. Ken and Donna have also been Camp Coordinators for two Lions International Youth Exchange camps and assistants for another. They have received the Lion's Presidential Awards for this work.

When asked why they volunteer so much of their time, the answer from both is, "It's the right thing to do!" "Ken and Donna are both just a phone call away when we need help with the WIT Coalition and have been part of the Coalition since the beginning", Sabrina Harmon.



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Bike Rodeo

In partnership with the Butte County Sheriff, Newell Ambulance, Newell School and the Whatever It Takes Coalition we will be hosting a BIKE Rodeo on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 with the K-5th Graders. The groups will switch presentation with the Fire Department. While one group is learning

about Fire Safety the other group will be learning about Bicycle Safety. 2:30 pm—area between the buildings

24 students will receive a Bike Helmet and we will take orders from other students who may need one to use while riding that Bike. We Don't want you to THUMP your Melon.

Don't Thump Your Melon

In partnership with the Butte County Sheriff, Newell Ambulance, Newell School, and The WIT Coalition we will be hosting a Bike Rodeo on Tuesday, October 8 at 2:30 with the K-5th graders.

The groups will switch presentation with the fire department.

While one group is learning about fire safety the other group

will be learning about bike safety.

The event takes place in the area between the buildings.

Twenty-four students will receive a bike helmet and we will take orders from other students who may need one to use while riding that bike.

We don't want you to THUMP your melon.



Don't Forget the Chili Cook-off!

Walk, Bike, & Roll



Newell School will be taking part in the 28th Annual National Walk, Bike & Roll to School activity by doing an event on October 9.

The busses will unload students one block east of the playground and will have the students walk to school so they learn to properly use the cross walks in front of the school and how to cross the highway safely.

The Department of transportation staff and the Butte County Sheriff Deputies will be here to offer instructions and hand out an incentive to each student.

The town kids that walk or bike to school will also take part.

If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Harmon at 605-381-9136.

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Targhee Breed Sweeps Newell Ram Show & Sale

NEWELL, SD – At the Newell Ram Show on Sept. 19 the Targhee breed took home both supreme champions honors for the rams and ewes. Judging the show was Jeff Clark of Sturgis, S.D. He chose Lot #69 from Wooden Nickel Targhee, Hot Springs, S.D. as the overall champion ram.

He then went on to choose Lot # 70 also from Wooden Nickel Targhee as the champion ewe.

The Erk Bros. of Newell, SD had the Champion Pen of Range Rams. The supreme fleece went to Dally Myers of Mud Butte, SD.

The Raymond Garness Memorial Youth Credit went

to Brixie Vig of Opal, S.D. She was able to take the \$500 credit and apply it towards the purchase of a sheep on sale day at the Newell event.

The next day on Sept. 20 was the ram and ewe sale with Hewitt Land & Cattle commanding the auction block and DV Auction providing online bidding. Just over 190 head of rams and ewes sold to buyers in 8 states. The sale averaged \$500 for ewes and \$845 for rams.

Top selling lot was an entry from Erk Brothers, Lot 32 a yearling stud ram for \$1750.

Find out more information at newellramsale.com.



Right: Supreme Champion Ewe at the 2024 Newell Ram Show was shown by Jessica Steinmetz of Wooden Nickel Targhee, Hot Springs, S.D.

Above: Supreme Champion Ram at the 2024 Newell Ram Show was shown by Jessica Steinmetz of Wooden Nickel Targhee, Hot Springs, S.D. Courtesy Photos

