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Facelift for Old Thomas Drug Store

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Quite a few onlookers were on hand on Saturday morning when the old aluminum siding was being peeled from the face of 521 State Street.

The metal facade was added in 1968 probably to give the old, tired structure a fresh new look. At that time, the building was owned by Pharmacist Cliff Thomas.

521 State Street was constructed in 1890 as the Ferral Hardware Store.

It was one of eight buildings constructed before 1895 in Belle Fourche and the only one according to most records to survive the devastating fire of 1895.

The building has earned its place on the historic register.

Following the sale of the building when Cliff Thomas retired, it became the home of several businesses including a pawn shop, a thrift store, and for a while a physical training facility.

Sam Silacci and his wife Nan-

cy purchased the building four years ago.

Today, 521 State Street is the home of a non-profit organization, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Dakota Firearms.

Sam and his brother-in-law, Jared Kinsfater have operated the Dakota Firearms business for the past 18 years.

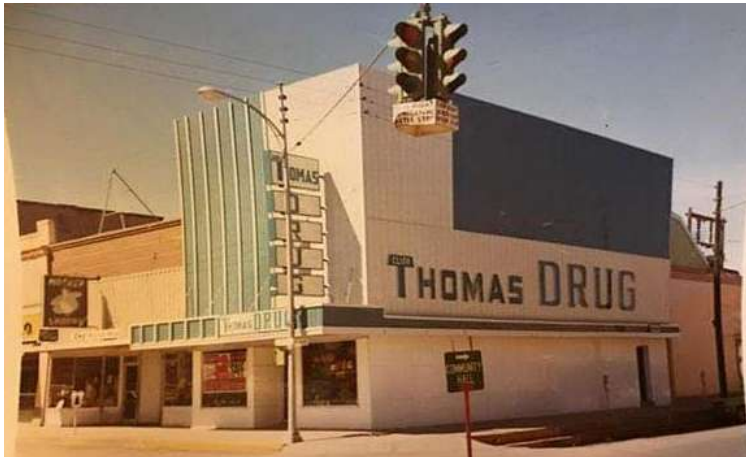
They specialize in guns for hunting, self-defense and sporting goods.

Funding for the project came from the Outside Deadwood Granting Program.

The Outside Deadwood Granting Program is a project of The Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission.

The purpose of this grant is to promote the preservation and interpretation of historic sites, buildings, and properties throughout the state.

Grants are awarded annually to promote quality restoration, protection, and interpretation of buildings, sites, and properties that contribute to the region's history.



Above 1968 when Thomas Drug Store 521 State Street was given an aluminum makeover. below 1971 photo.



Building in 1940s image (Photos courtesy of Sam Silacci)

Bronc Homecoming Royalty Candidates



Front Girls: L-Lydia Main; M- Kailey Nowowiejski; R-Lily Nore; Back Girls: L-Alexa Swaney; R-Kaylor Kudlock Boys Front: L-Harvey Walding; M-Payton Jackson; R-Owyn Schreder Back: L-Isaac Voyles; R-Drake Sutter. Courtesy Photo Homecoming Schedule on Page A7

Four Classmates of 1982 AFS Exchange Student Trip to South Africa

Members from Class of '82
Special to the Beacon

In August 1981, Michelle Parsons arrived in Belle Fourche as an AFS exchange student from South Africa. Her host family was the Frank and Marilyn Dobesh family. Marilyn's parents were Walt and Della Crago. The Cragos hosted the first AFS student to attend school at BFHS in 1962.

Michelle fully immersed herself in the community, and quickly earned the nickname "Lovie". She was Lovie to the students and to the community because of her greeting to others. She called everyone Lovie (until she learned their names) with enthusiasm and joy.

Michelle has been faithful to return to Belle Fourche to attend the Class of 1982 reunions through the years. However, none of her classmates had been to see her in South Africa. It was at the last class reunion that a plan was loosely formed for

classmates to travel to see her, her country and her culture.

As it turned out, there were four classmates who committed to make the first trip. Those going this time were Misti Dobesh Wahl (host sister), VaLynn Wendland Mednansky, Lorri Riley and Michelle Harvey Watson.

Extensive planning and a lot of hard work by our host led to a trip of a lifetime. We flew into Johannesburg, S.A. and stayed with our host for a couple of days.

While there, we were given an informal tour of Johannesburg, we went to Glen Afric, an animal sanctuary just outside of Johannesburg. We were able to get up close to the elephants in rehabilitation there.

They allowed us to touch the elephants, talk to them and to respond to their gentle nudges. And, before leaving on our next adventure, we were introduced to the South Africa Springbok Rugby Team.

We enjoyed a braai (we would call it a BBQ/picnic) with many

of her friends and learned quite a little about rugby! We were impressed with all the South Africans not only supported their Springboks but their love and pride of their country standing and all singing the entire national anthem.

Our next adventure took us to Madikwe Game Reserve, which is along the Botswana border. What a trip!! We had the best ranger who took us out two times a day to see as many animals as possible in the wild that we could. We were lucky enough to see the African Big 5 - Elephant, Leopard, Cape Buffalo, Lion, Rhinoceros. We're told that's not an easy task, but we were lucky enough to experience it because of the experience of our ranger.

On our last morning, we witnessed a newborn elephant still trying to learn to walk. It was such a special sighting.

At Madikwe, the food was fantastic, the customer care was superb, and the housing accom-

South Africa trip contd.C7



Top of Table Mountain in Cape Town l-r Lorri Riley, Michelle Watson, Misti Wahl, VaLynn Mednansky, & Michelle Parsons Courtesy Photo

First 4-H S. Dakota Western Heritage Project

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The weather was unseasonably warm on Saturday, September 28 but the heat did not discourage the enthusiasm for the Western Heritage Project participants, their parents and 4-H leaders.

The atmosphere at the Western Heritage Project was festive, more like the county fair than a sporting event.

There was entertainment, conversation, family participation, competition, awards, authentic culinary cuisine, and opportunities for 4-H members to show off what they have learned. Perhaps best of all, parents and leaders were available to experience the living-history celebration with the kids.

Elliot Jensen is a parent and

organizer of the event. He explained that the Western Heritage Project is a 4-H pro-

gram new to the area. In fact, the event held at the Center of the Nation Sportsman's Club

Shooting Range last Saturday was the first ever Western Heritage Project event held in South Dakota. The project has grown quickly in popularity and

is active in many states mainly in the western regions of the nation.

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a competitive event that consists of three components: shooting skills, general knowledge of frontier life between approximately 1860 to 1900, and a presentation. Youth from 9-18 may participate in the Western Heritage Project.

The purpose of this project is to help 4-H members and adult leaders better understand what it might have been like to live during frontier times as a living-history exercise.

In the shooting part of the event, participants use .22 rifles and pistols. They shoot at targets and are scored on accuracy and speed. The Western Heritage Project is known for teaching about gun

Heritage Project A7



Youth Contestants Back Row: Elijah Kari, Kate Kammerer, Esten Biegert, Nate Kari, Eva Jensen, Karlie Kammerer, Rebecca Stumpf, Wyatt Stumpf, Joshua Main. Sitting: Arlis Lutz, Ledger Jensen. (Photo courtesy of Amy Clark)

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Kathryn "Kay" Conner 93

Kathryn Labun, age 81 of Belle Fourche, formerly Denver CO, died Thursday, October 3, 2024 at her home with her loving family by her side. Services will be held in Littleton Colorado at Olinger Funeral Home. Kathryn is survived by her husband, Don of Belle Fourche; daughter, Clarinda White of Belle Fourche; and three grandchildren, Kenneth White Jr., Cody White, and Dante White. Local arrangements are with Leverington Funeral Home of the Northern Hills in Belle Fourche. Friends may leave condolences online at: www.LeveringtonFH.com




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Habakkuk 2:4

"See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright— but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness."

Hebrews 11:1-3

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."

Romans 10:17

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

1 John 5:4

"For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

"Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

DID YOU KNOW?

The SD Abortion Amendment Explained

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

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

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Authorized and paid for by Life Defense Fund, Treasurer, PO Box 90416, Sioux Falls, SD

**Upcoming events,
for more information call:
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Oct 9 - Lunch & Learn: Homebuyer Education
11:30AM @ BF Economic Development

Oct 10 - Getting Our Acts Together @ BF Rec Center

Oct 11 - 7:30AM Coffee and Caramel Rolls @ Belle Silver Lining, 11AM Nonprofit Training @ Rapid City

Oct 12 - Bats in Our Belfry exhibit opens @ Tri-State Museum

Oct 14 - Chamber office closed

Be sure to LIKE and FOLLOW us on social media for all the information or visit our website

Matthews Opera House

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 premieres 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, or stop into the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.

October 31: Halloween Drawing Party

The Matthews is excited to announce their Halloween figure drawing workshop on Thursday, October 31 from 6-8:30 pm in the historic theater. This fun workshop for adults (18+) will feature drawing from live, costumed models in a creative atmosphere. Led by BHSU art professor Desy Schoenewies, no experience is necessary to participate in this free event. Artists are encouraged to bring their own supplies. For more information, contact the Matthews at (605) 642-7973, visit matthewsopera.com, or stop into the Matthews Gallery at 612 N. Main Street, Spearfish.

Butte Lawrence Extension Club News

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National 4-H Week
Since 1968,
National 4-H week
has been celebrated
during the first full
week in October. This
year National 4-H
week will take place
from October 7-12.

This year's theme is "Beyond Ready".

This is a good time to think about ways to promote 4-H in schools and communities.

Annual Youth Leadership Day
Lawrence County Coalition
presents Youth Leadership Day,
Wednesday, October 30th 2024.
See the adjacent flyer.



Participants must also enroll in 4-H and join a 4-H Club for their regular club work. Shooting sports is open to enrolled 4-H members ages 8-18 as of Jan. 1, 2025.

When you enroll in 4-H, the club you will attend monthly meetings at is your primary club and Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports will be your club specifically for the shooting sports project only. Please contact the Extension Office at 892-3371 for help enrolling in 4-H or Amy Clark at 605-569-0408 if you have specific questions about our shooting



Senior

	Testing	Interviewing	Shooting	Overall
1st	Nate	Nate	Eva	Eva
2nd	Eli	Esten	Nate	Nate
3rd	Eva	Eli	Eli	Eli
4th	Esten	Eva	Karlie	Esten

Intermediate

	Testing	Interviewing	Shooting	Overall
1st	Josh	Ledger	Josh	Josh
2nd	Ledger	Josh	Wyatt	Ledger
3rd	Rebecca	Wyatt	Ledger	Wyatt
4th	Wyatt	Rebecca	Kate	Rebecca

**Roots Grow Deep and Strong # 18
"Homecoming Week"**



Meg English

It's Homecoming week in Belle Fourche. For those of us who grew up in America, homecoming is a familiar time-honored tradition, but to some foreign visitors, homecoming may seem like a curiosity.

Here's an explanation for them:

Homecoming is an annual tradition in the United States that occurs in late September or early October.

Homecoming is usually centered around a high school or college football game. Homecoming is often a week-long event involving themed school-sanctioned activities.

Activities might include dress-up days, the election of Homecoming royalty, a parade, and a dance following the football game.

Often there's a bonfire in which an effigy of a very large letter of the alphabet is burned.

The letter (always in capital form) may be a B or an S or an N' or whatever letter best identifies the team or the hometown.

The burning of the letter often occurs in connection with the coronation of the Homecoming royalty. Usually, these events take place toward the end of the week after sunset, to better appreciate the burning of the letter

effigy. Students gather around and chant team spirit songs.

There is often a parade prior to the football game led by a color guard of four military representatives.

Presenting the Colors is a military tradition dating back a long time in America.

The Homecoming parade mainly consists of student activity group floats, on borrowed flatbeds.

The students under the supervision of a faculty advisor build and decorate the floats. It's not unusual to have some competitive banter displayed.

It's OK to express the intention of "crushing" the opposing team or "stomping" them. It's all in fun, and everyone knows that sports fans can be a little fervent the world over.

There's usually some candy distribution too, which may seem dangerous as it tends to encourage small children to dart out on the street too close to the parade vehicles.

Generally, homecoming is harmless, and fun.

However, in my east river alma mater Watertown High School, there is a long-standing controversy over a traditional homecoming pageant, The Ki-Yi legend. I remember it well.

It's the story of two fictitious tribes, the Kione and the Yiwawa, who meet on the shores of Lake Kampeska. They come together in peace to form the Ki-Yi tribe.

I remember the story being acted out by white kids in fake native costume. The Indian maidens wore saggy brown dresses with fringe purportedly to resemble leather. Each wore a headband sporting a pheasant tail feather.

The crowned "King" of Ki-Yi wore a feathered war bonnet. (I have yearbooks as proof) For whatever reason, back

in 1976 we didn't question the integrity of the event. We didn't think about how offensive and shortsighted the silly costumes might seem to our native neighbors.

Maybe our collective lens of social experience was foggy or just too narrow to see the larger picture.

The Ki-Yi tradition was celebrated for nearly four generations. However, in 2016, a committee of students, faculty, and alumni revised the legend to remove some offensive Native American imagery.

The Ki-Yi legend script was written in 1939 by a young teacher, Miss Florence Bruhn.

Miss Bruhn was a venerable art and English teacher in the Watertown School District. She was my elementary and high school art teacher, and I loved her. I continue to revere Miss Bruhn's influence because she taught me to have faith in my potential.


I think Miss Bruhn's intention in writing the script was to create something that would encourage high school students to participate in a tradition. A story about how two warring tribes were able to unite peacefully under one banner was lovely and appropriate for high school.

If Miss Bruhn were alive today, I am certain she would be mortified that her simple tribute has become a regional symbol of insensitivity and racism.


Miss Bruhn was compassionate and religious. She never meant to insult or hurt anyone. She would not have wanted to know that here work was the center of controversy.

I imagine that she would have eagerly volunteered to serve on the committee to remove the offensive native American imagery. Also, Miss Bruhn was independent and strong. In today's world, I think she would prefer to be known as Ms. Bruhn.

Lawrence County Coalition
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YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY
Registration Form



Wednesday, October 30, 2024
Countryside Church
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Student Full Name: _____
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Grade: _____ T-shirt (adult sizes, circle one) **XS S M L XL XXL**
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REGISTRATION
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Please initial the following boxes that apply:

My child, _____ may attend the Youth Leadership Day event on October 30, 2024.

I understand that my child may be photographed, and the pictures used to promote this event.

\$20 registration fee is included with this form. Checks payable to Lawrence County Coalition **OR**

Registration Scholarship funds are needed to support this youth.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Please return form and money to your child's school office or mail to the LCC office at 3025 1st Ave Suite #4, Spearfish by **October 10**.

← Questions? Contact Michelle May at lccmhatcoordinator@gmail.com →

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Bronc Sports Updates



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Boys Football

The varsity football team was back home Friday night, after spending the last three weeks on the road. It was a great welcome back for the boys, the community always does an amazing job of coming out and showing their support.

The Broncos struggled to get anything going offensively and defensively having to adjust to the all traveling. It was understandable they got off to a slow start.

There is still no quit in this young team, the future is very promising under the new coach, Sean Sweet, who seems to be building not only a great atmosphere but a competitiveness that is hard to match.

The final score ended up being 0-48 favor of the Cavaliers. Already putting this loss behind them, the team can focus on their next week matchup and homecoming game as they take on Custer Friday the 11th. Kickoff is at 6 PM.

Bronc Volleyball

The girls volleyball team had quite the busy week.

Competing in three out of the five nights, including an

across state trip where they were in Aberdeen Thursday night, then Canton Friday.

Starting off with their game Tuesday night, which was pink night in support of breast cancer awareness as the month of October is dedicated to the cause. It was another close game for the girls who, despite their record, which doesn't represent who this team is, just a couple calls going their way could have a completely changed their season.

It was another one of those games ending in 3 matches to 1 in favor of Custer.

Thursday they hit the road and traveled to Aberdeen, struggling to find a rhythm as a team fell 3 matches to 0. Without anytime to rest, the girls were in Canton the next day and clearly already at a disadvantage from spending the last couple days in a bus still went out there and gave it there all, again falling short, 3 sets to 0. The bronc volleyball team will be back in action next week as they head to Faith on Tuesday and then Douglas on Thursday. Both games for the varsity squad start at 7pm.

Cross Country

The Belle Fourche Broncos, varsity boys and girls cross-country team continued their season last Thursday the 3rd in

Sturgis.

As it winds down both teams continue to prove they can compete at the state level against the other schools of South Dakota.

Lennon Clarkson, who has been a leader for the boys this year, finished 14th on the day with a total time of 17:14:71. Following him was Nathan Hudson who took 46th and Oden Walding in 68th.

The girls team who was without their star runner Lia Mundt.

Rhys Pearson, who has also impressed all season, finished in 18th place with a time of 21:04:77.

Misty Drieling and Alexa Stone took 54th and 55th respectively.

The Broncos will be back in Sturgis next Thursday the 10th for the Black Hills conference invite.



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October 15th 2024



Mya Nowowiejski gets a smart return. Hockenbary Courtesy Photo



Reagan Hatling Serves. Hockenbary Photo



Syd Pelster set up the return. Photo Courtesy of Jamie Hockenbary



Hoover held their annual pasture pitch, doubles, horseshoe tournament on Saturday, Oct 5th. Winning this year was Galen Minske, Huron; and Peder Tenold, Reva. Second was Julie Kluck, Nisland; and Cody Haiwick, Whitewood. Courtesy Photo



15 senior Lydia Main blows by the St Thomas More defender.



#8 Joshua Brill transitioning well from his usual spot at goalie still helping the team. Potter Photo

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The freshman #2 Brahnsen Brink defends the attack well. Blain Potter Photo



The offense getting set up before the next play during the third-quarter vs St. Thomas More. Potter Photo



Broncs getting warmed up before the start of the second half. Potter Photo



The Broncs huddle up in the end zone at the end of their game against St Thomas More. Potter Photo

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Show Up

by Belle LaVenue



THIS THURSDAY! 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." Check out the BFACT poster for all the dates and times of the performances.

THIS FRIDAY! Homecoming in Belle Fourche: The high school and middle school bands will be playing for the parade at 2:30 along 13th Avenue. The BFHS Band will also be performing their field show at the football game in the evening under the bright lights. If you cannot catch these outdoor events, make sure to catch the high school band and chorus concert on October 21st.

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

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

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

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

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

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

November 21-23: BFHS Fall Production - TBA!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCOUTING REPORT | counting fish

Jonathan Ellis

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The GF&P news is the word that conservation officers have embarked on autumn lake surveys.

They are analyzing stocks of game fish and prey fish to determine what lakes – big or small – require stocking next spring.

Those restocking efforts are the responsibility of GF&P's fisheries division. The chief, John Lott, says the surveys will establish baselines for spring restocking missions across the state.

"We really have a lot of work to do in the fall," Lott said. "Lake surveys set the population bar on specific lakes. We

need to know the type, size and number of fish in these lakes to set our stocking schedule for next year. There is a lot of water out there, and we try to survey as much as possible every year."

But the surveys have a second mission. Conservation officers are also on the lookout for invasive species, including the nefarious zebra mussel. The zebra mussel's invasion of South Dakota lakes has been documented in the Scouting Report before.

Lott reports that another lake has fallen – Bullhead Lake in Marshall County. A survey there discovered the presence

of zebra mussels on several rocks. The zebra mussels have a voracious appetite and filter nutrients from the water, depriving fish of food.

The data gathered from surveys are compiled in reports for each fishery, available at GF&P's Fishery Reports database.



Community Calendar

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Regular Meeting: Meeting will be Saturday, at 10 AM.

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SCOUTING REPORT Wrangling buffalo

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We start this week with more animal news. Our favorite kind of news. If it chirps, roars or bleats, it leads here at the Scouting Report.

The South Dakota Game Fish & Parks announced that September's Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup set a record for attendance. And why not?

The American buffalo – or bison – was the food and material for shelter that once sustained Native American and European settler populations for centuries. They offer us the tastiest of lean protein meats – as well as very comfortable fireside rugs.

The 59th Governor's Buffalo Roundup saw 24,178 visitors.

That record eclipsed the previous high mark that was set a mere year ago, with 22,690 visitors.

"The weather may have been warm, but the event was deemed a success across the board," said Lydia Austin, Custer State Park Visitor Services Supervisor.

"We had a large variety of news coverage from international and local outlets, and once again, SDPB hosted the event online."

The roundup corralled 1,485 animals. That included 488 calves born this year. Of the corralled animals, 474 will be sold at auction later this year. The rest will be maintained over the winter.



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Dear Belle Fourche School District Taxpayers, Parents, and Community Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we begin another exciting school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for your continued support of our public schools. Public education plays a vital role in shaping the future of our community, and I am proud to share the remarkable work being done every day to provide opportunities for all our students.

Public Schools as the Heart of the Community
Our public schools are more than just places of learning. They serve as the foundation of our community, where children from all walks of life come together to grow, learn, and develop into responsible citizens. Public schools offer a welcoming environment for every child, regardless of background or financial means, and it is this diversity that strengthens the fabric of our community. As a one of the communities largest employers, our school district is proud to offer over 150+ careers to employees of our great community.

Academic Excellence and Innovation
In our schools, academic achievement is always a top priority. We have dedicated teachers, counselors, and staff working tirelessly to ensure that each student receives a high-quality education. Our schools offer a wide range of academic programs designed to meet the unique needs of all students. From STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs to advanced placement courses, we are preparing our students for success in college, careers, and beyond.

We also embrace innovation in our classrooms. Technology plays a significant role in today's education, and we are proud to offer cutting-edge tools and resources to enhance student learning. Digital learning platforms, interactive lessons, and access to advanced technology ensure that our students are prepared for the demands of the modern world.

Extracurricular Opportunities
Beyond the classroom, our public schools offer a wealth of extracurricular activities that contribute to the development of well-rounded individuals. Whether it's athletics, music, theater, art, or clubs, there are opportunities for every student to explore their interests and passions. These activities help build teamwork, leadership skills, and a strong sense of community, providing students with experiences they will carry with them throughout their lives.

A Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment
Creating a safe and welcoming environment for all students is at the core of our mission. We take great pride in fostering an inclusive atmosphere where students can feel confident and supported. Our schools actively promote values of respect, responsibility, and kindness, ensuring that every child feels valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Support for Every Student
Public schools are committed to supporting the unique needs of all students, whether they require special education services, counseling, or academic interventions. Our schools work tirelessly to provide personalized support, ensuring that every student, regardless of ability or background, has the opportunity to succeed.

Building Future Leaders
Perhaps the most inspiring part of public education is the role it plays in shaping the leaders of tomorrow. From fostering a love of learning to encouraging critical thinking and problem-solving, our public schools are preparing students to tackle the challenges of the future. Our graduates leave us not only with the skills to succeed in their chosen careers but also with the empathy and character to contribute positively to society.

Your Support Makes It Possible
All of these achievements are made possible thanks to the unwavering support of our taxpayers, parents, and community members. Whether you have children in the school system or are a lifelong supporter of education, your investment in public schools is an investment in the future of our community.

We are proud of the work being done in our public schools, and we want you to know that your support is crucial to maintaining the excellence and opportunities we provide. Public education is the backbone of our society, and together, we can continue to ensure that our schools remain vibrant, innovative, and inclusive places for every child.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our public school system. With your support, we will continue to grow and thrive, ensuring that future generations have access to the best education possible.

Warmest regards,
Orion Thompson, Ed.S
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- MONDAY:** Blast from the Past (Decades)
Golf State @ Hartford
JV Football vs RC Stevens 5:30 pm
- TUESDAY:** Cowboys vs Bikers
Golf State @ Hartford
7th / 8th Volleyball vs Lead-Deadwood 4:30 pm
Volleyball C/JV/V @ Faith 5:00 pm
Soccer G/B ¼ Finals @ TBD
- WED:** Character Day (Cartoon)
CORONATION @ High School Armory 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY:** Class Colors
SENIORS: Blue JUNIORS: Red SOPHOMORES: Green FRESHMAN: Yellow
STAFF: Black
Cross Country HS/MS BHC Invite @ Sturgis 11:00 am
7th / 8th Volleyball @ Spearfish 4:00 pm
7th / 8th Football vs Sturgis 5:00 pm
Volleyball C/JV/V @ Douglas 5:00 pm
Cheer / Dance Invite @ Sturgis 6:00 pm
- FRIDAY:** Bronc Day – Purple & White
Community Pep Rally @ BFHS Gym 12:10 pm
Parade 2:30 pm
Tailgate Sponsored by 1st Interstate Bank 5:00 pm
Varsity Football Game vs. Custer Wildcats 6:00 pm
Cheer, Dance and Marching Band half-time performances. Introduction of Royalty, Sophomore Class – Lighting of the "B".

Parade Theme: "Disney"
The line-up and parade route will begin at the Belle Fourche Middle School and proceed down 13th Avenue to the High School Parking Lot.

Entries will line up by 2:00 pm at the Middle School starting on the south end working around to the east side. **No entry numbers are needed prior to lineup – simply show up – and follow the order of lineup below.**

- Order of Lineup:**
Color Guard (West End of MS)
HS Band (West End of MS)
Parade Marshalls (West End of MS)
Royalty (West End of MS)
HS Floats (West Side of Central Office)
Hall of Fame Float (MS Parking Lot)
MS Band (South Side of Central Office)
MS Floats (South Side of Central Office)
Walkers (South Side of Central Office)
Private Floats (Behind MS / East Side)
- Judging will begin at 2:15 pm
- No hooped animals will be allowed in the parade. Motorcycles, bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, etc. are also prohibited. The only motorized vehicles allowed will be those decorated as or used to pull floats. These vehicles must be driven by an approved licensed driver. All water guns, balloons, etc. are prohibited. There will be no candy thrown from floats.

Anything Left in the Barrel?

Amendment H
Viewpoint: From a former Democratic State Party Executive Director

You cannot hear about or read about Amendment H without applauding Joe Kirby for his efforts to get people involved, but as someone who has been in the employ of the "Party Bosses", I am compelled to say those efforts could very well lead to unintended consequences.

First, let me inform you as to who those party bosses I worked for back in the 70 & 80's and still serve in that capacity were and why they were part of the primary process.

I'm talking about the men and women in each of the 67 counties across our state (Yes, just like the residents of Butte, Meade, Harding, Perkins, and the rest) who come together to discuss and formulate what their Political party should be and what it should stand for and what they will support.

So if you'd like to look a Party Boss in the eye and tell them why you don't agree, go to a Party meeting in any county in the state and tell that farmer, barber, rancher's wife, truck stop waitress, legal secretary, or one of any of dozens of South Dako-

tan's every day life's employment (again those Party Bosses who I had worked for, the ones still in charge), and give them all the reasons why and what needs to be done to correct it.

Well, you might say, that would be part of the process we don't agree with.

Organizations (Political Parties) that come together to collectively decide what at the time is meant to serve the best interests of the majority of the people. (Oh well, Amendment H, who needs the Democratic process?)

I started out saying unintended consequences.

First of all, yes all can vote in the primary election regardless of how the candidates arrived on the ballot.

I assume they could all be Democrats, or all Republicans, or all no party affiliation.

Unintended consequence #1: Instead of bringing or encouraging involvement to the political process you are telling voters they don't need to be organized or make collective decisions about Political party platforms.

Unintended consequence #2: Depending on geographical location whether fair, or gerrymandered, is apt to preclude any opportunity to have access to candidates that may represent an opposing political view of another party organization..

Unintended consequence #3: With registrations of the two major parties so unbalanced in the state, the end result of an open primary may be the elimination of the smaller of the two. Eliminates the checks and balances of present system

Unintended consequence #4: Thousands of Independent voters will have no reason to join or work to reform/improve and get organized, any new or existing Political Party organization.

So contact any party boss you may have happened to be acquainted with and tell them what you think the H in Amendment H stands for."

Possibly, share with them, "come Heck or High Water, I respectfully cannot agree" to throw out what has worked in South Dakota since statehood began.

Happy Columbus Day! Monday October 14th

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Letter to the Editor

Constitutional Amendment G The Dobbs Decision corrected a flaw of Roe v Wade and returned the decision on killing the unborn to the States, as is outlined in the 10th amendment. Kamala claimed Donald Trump will put a federal ban on abortion. The Dobbs decision makes it clear he can't. This shows that she is ignorant of the Constitution and she's a liar. This decision is now left up to us. "Dakotans for Health" deceive us in support of the Amendment. Rick Weiland, said, "The Freedom Amendment is about empower-

ing individuals to make deeply personal decisions about their own bodies and futures. Every woman deserves the freedom to choose whether to terminate or continue a pregnancy." The baby has no choice, even if it is a female. If G passes, our constitution will allow the destruction of the unborn up to the point of birth. Call it what you will but this is murder. I see democratic ads on day care, school safety, a \$6,000 Child Tax Credit, yet Kamala Harris, in her empathy, thinks nothing of killing the unborn. If our society doesn't understand how sacred the unborn are

in the womb, why worry about the children at all? When Biden became unviable, the Democratic party did to him what they do to anything that makes their life inconvenient. They aborted his campaign. Amendment G is "age discrimination" in reverse. "What about the baby?" Weiland doesn't answer that question. If the unborn aren't sacred, who is? What is? Vote "NO" on G. James C. and Cathy Sowers 711 State Street Belle Fourche, SD 57717

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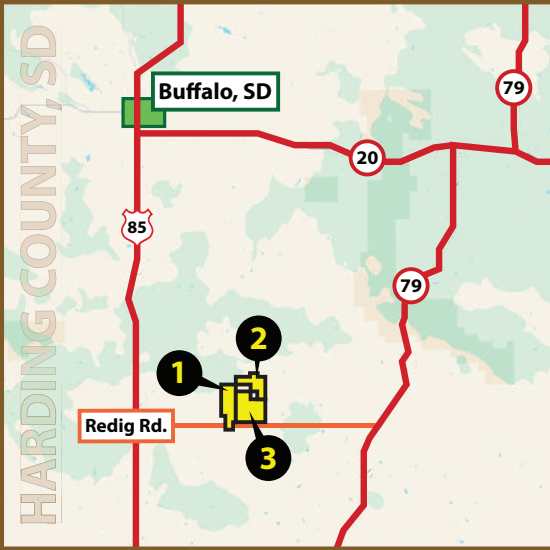
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Dry Creek Cattle, Buffalo WY	49	Bld	\$218.50
Moiney, Tim, Alzada MT	10	Bld	\$237.00
Mt Consignor	19	Bld	\$231.75
Mt Consignor	18	Bld	\$247.50
Mt Consignor	43	R/Ch	\$244.75
Mt Consignor	65	Bld	\$247.50
Mt Consignor	70	Bld	\$250.50
Mt Consignor	17	Bld	\$256.50
Mueller Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	13	Bld	\$256.25
Mueller Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	42	Bld	\$248.75
Pearson Ranch, Aladdin WY	5	Hrf	\$233.75
Pearson, Wade & Ashley, Aladdin WY	3	Bld	\$225.00
Reno & Sons, Floyd, Gillette WY	22	Bld	\$243.75
Reno & Sons, Floyd, Gillette WY	69	Bld	\$257.25
Reno & Sons, Floyd, Gillette WY	13	Bld	\$257.50
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Boller Mills Ranch, Gillette WY	16	Bld	\$344.00
Burleson, James, Newcastle WY	49	Bld	\$297.00
Burleson, James, Newcastle WY	58	Bld	\$279.00
Burleson, James, Newcastle WY	16	Bld	\$314.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	83	Bld	\$323.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	12	Bld	\$314.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	125	Bld	\$326.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	123	Bld	\$326.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	136	Bld	\$365.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	26	Bld	\$365.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	136	Bld	\$365.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	79	Bld	\$399.50
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	132	Bld	\$353.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	28	Bld	\$342.00
Courtney Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	32	Bld	\$413.00
Gianino, Wendie [Boyes, M]	24	Bld	\$283.50
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis SD	40	Bld	\$323.50
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis SD	29	Bld	\$280.50
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis SD	19	Hrf	\$322.50
Hillsview Ranch, Sturgis SD	18	Bld	\$360.00
King, Desirea, Ekalaka MT	16	Bld	\$274.00
King, Desirea, Ekalaka MT	12	Bld	\$322.50
King, Desirea, Ekalaka MT	12	Bld	\$300.00
Lintz, Jim & Brenda, Hermosa SD	29	Bld	\$292.50
Lintz, Jim & Brenda, Hermosa SD	19	Bld	\$280.50
McCoy, Jim & Neal, Belle Fourche SD	17	Bld	\$288.00
McCoy, Jim & Neal, Belle Fourche SD	56	Bld	\$320.00
McCoy, Jim & Neal, Belle Fourche SD	46	Bld	\$285.00
McCoy, Jim & Neal, Belle Fourche SD	35	Bld	\$347.00
McCoy, Jim & Neal, Belle Fourche SD	27	Bld	\$310.00
McDonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett WY	22	Bld	\$380.00
McDonald, James O & Rhoda M, Hulett WY	17	Bld	\$301.00
Moore Ranch & Styvar Livestock, Gillette WY	38	Bld	\$307.00
Moore Ranch & Styvar Livestock, Gillette WY	29	Bld	\$273.00
Moore Ranch & Styvar Livestock, Gillette WY	27	Bld	\$360.00
Moore Ranch & Styvar Livestock, Gillette WY	14	Bld	\$315.00
Paulsen, Mitch Or Mitchell, Custer SD	11	Bld	\$266.00
Schlecht, Kirby, Whitewood SD	33	Bld	\$280.00
Schuricht & Kinletter, Moorcroft WY	46	Bld	\$340.00
Schuricht & Kinletter, Moorcroft WY	31	Bld	\$400.50
Stinson, Russell & Sheri K, Hulett WY	18	Bld	\$337.00
Stinson, Russell & Sheri K, Hulett WY	22	Bld	\$290.00
Telsrow, Richard/Charlotte, Aladdin WY	10	Bld	\$291.00
White, George, Devils Tower WY	33	Bld	\$297.00
Yates, Greg, Ekalaka MT	39	Bld	\$330.50
Yates, Greg, Ekalaka MT	20	Bld	\$390.00

Weigh Up Cows			
Boardman, Jeffrey, Gillette WY	2	Rbld	\$206.00
Boardman, Jeffrey, Gillette WY	1	Red	\$132.00
Clark, Lauren, Hulett WY	2	Bld	\$133.00
Clark, Merle J, Hulett WY	6	Cow	\$132.00
Cottonwood Creek Cattle, Rozet WY	1	Bld	\$186.00
Crowser, Scott/Carla, Whitewood SD	5	Bld	\$185.00
Crowser, Scott/Carla, Whitewood SD	2	Bld	\$180.00
Crowser, Scott/Carla, Whitewood SD	7	Bld	\$134.00
Gantz, Joseph, Alva WY	1	Bld	\$126.00
Harriet, Joseph M, Buffalo WY	1	Bld	\$167.50
Harriet, Joseph M, Buffalo WY	1	Bld	\$142.50
Harriet, Joseph M, Buffalo WY	1	Bld	\$129.00
Harriet, Joseph M, Buffalo WY	17	Bld	\$128.00
King, Dale Or Helen, Hammond MT	2	Bld	\$135.00
King, Dale Or Helen, Hammond MT	3	Bld	\$132.00
King, Dale Or Helen, Hammond MT	1	Bld	\$132.00
King, Dale Or Helen, Hammond MT	2	Bld	\$128.00
Kolka Livestock, Olive MT	1	Red	\$201.00
Kolka Livestock, Olive MT	1	Red	\$192.50
Kolka Livestock, Olive MT	1	Red	\$161.00
McLennan, Jason, Belle Fourche SD	1	Hrf	\$150.00
Oshoto Flying M LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bld	\$196.00
Oshoto Flying M LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bld	\$131.00
Oshoto Flying M LLC, Gillette WY	2	Bld	\$130.00
Oshoto Flying M LLC, Gillette WY	1	Bld	\$127.00
Rourke II Trust, Gillette WY	2	Bld	\$132.50
Rourke, Beau Or Megan, Gillette WY	5	Bld	\$182.50
Schulz, Dana Or Krysti, Piedmont SD	2	Bld	\$175.00
Schulz, Dana Or Krysti, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	\$140.00
Steinbrecher Livestock, Nisland SD	2	Bld	\$199.50
Steinbrecher Livestock, Nisland SD	4	Bld	\$183.00
Steinbrecher Livestock, Nisland SD	3	Bld	\$147.50
Steinbrecher Livestock, Nisland SD	1	Bld	\$135.00

Weigh Up Bulls			
Boardman, Jeffrey, Gillette WY	3	Hrf	\$140.00
Boardman, Jeffrey, Gillette WY	3	Hrf	\$140.50

Boardman, Jeffrey, Gillette WY	1	Rbld	\$191.00
Cammack, Randy/Mary, Sturgis SD	1	Hrf	\$143.00
Clark, Merle J, Hulett WY	1	Bld	\$144.00
Clark, Merle J, Hulett WY	1	Bld	\$172.50
Crump Land & Livestock, Gillette WY	1	Bld	\$147.50
Dague, David, Nisland SD	1	Bld	\$162.00
Gantz, Joseph, Alva WY	1	Bld	\$155.00
Harriet, Joseph M, Buffalo WY	2	Bld	\$140.50
Harriet, Joseph M, Buffalo WY	3	Bld	\$175.00
McLennan, Jason, Belle Fourche SD	1	Bld	\$159.00
McPherson, Jay, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	\$140.00
McPherson, Jay, Piedmont SD	2	Bld	\$164.00
McPherson, Jay, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	\$170.00
McPherson, Jay, Piedmont SD	1	Bld	\$171.00
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	\$146.00
Rittberger & Sons, Fred, Hermosa SD	1	Bld	\$186.00
Rolph-Lei, Pam, Camp Crook SD	1	Bld	\$147.50
Rolph-Lei, Pam, Camp Crook SD	1	Bld	\$162.50
Rolph-Lei, Pam, Camp Crook SD	1	Bld	\$141.00
Sams, Norman, Weston WY	1	Bld	\$150.00
Semlek, Toby/Brooke, Moorcroft WY	1	Bld	\$144.00
Steinbrecher Livestock, Nisland SD	1	Hrf	\$140.00
Steinbrecher Livestock, Nisland SD	1	Hrf	\$173.00
Vallery, Randy & Rhonda, Nisland SD	1	Bld	\$191.00

Friday, October 11, 2024

Yearling & Spring Calf Special

8:00 AM -- Yearlings followed by Calves

BT-Branding Time Shots PC-PreCondition Shots DF-Drug Free BV-Bangs
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Yearlings
Mueller Land & Livestock -- 83 Blk Strs -- 800#
Tom & Susan Vore -- 15 Blk Hfns -- 1000# -- Tested Open

Calves
Duprel Land & Livestock -- 425 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 675-680# - BT, PC
Brad Bauer -- 350 Blk & Bldy Strs -- 625-700# - BT, PC, NI
Keffler Ranch & Lorenz Ranch -- 300 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 525-625# - BT, PC, NI
Schuricht & Kinletter -- 160 Blk Strs -- 500-550# - BT, NI
Troy Johnson -- 160 Blk Strs -- 525-575# - BT, PC, NI
Chase Briggs -- 150 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Mike Richter -- 150 Blk & Red Strs & Hfns -- 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Black Ranch -- 140 Blk & Few Red Strs & Hfns -- 575# - BT, PC, NI
Randy & Mary Ellen Cammack -- 120 Blk & Red Strs & Hfns -- 525-600# - BT, PC
Ron Soelzer -- 115 Mostly Blk Strs & Hfns -- 580-650# - BT, PC, NI
Mark Joachim -- 95 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 500-600# - BT, PC, NI
Mike Grant -- 90 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 600-650# - BT, PC, NI
Bernie Twiedt -- 85 Mostly Blk Strs & Hfns -- 575-650# - BT, PC, NI - Hfns BV
Tope Livestock -- 80 Blk & Bldy Mostly Hfns -- 500-530# - BT, PC, NI
Bodie Schultz -- 80 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfns -- 500-600# - BT, PC, NI
Jennie Crowser -- 75 Blk Bldy & Red Bulls -- 350-500# - All Natural
Terry Ellerton -- 75 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 600-675# - BT, PC, NI
Darrell Odekoven -- 65 Blk & Red Strs -- 600-650# - BT, PC, NI
Troy & Gabe Crowser -- 60 Char & Red Strs & Hfns -- 500-600# - BT, PC
Ryan XZ Ranch -- 60 Blk Strs -- 550# - BT, PC, NI
Micheal Rourke -- 60 Blk Strs -- 400-550# - BT, PC
Travis & Jerri Ann Pierson -- 50 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 500-550# - BT, PC, NI
Brad Severson -- 50 Red Strs -- 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Bruce & Colby Crago -- 50 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 450-500# - BT, PC, NI
Elizabeth Kanode -- 50 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 475-575# - BT, PC
Steve Soelzer -- 50 Mostly Blk Strs & Hfns -- 600-650# - BT, PC, NI
Jim Jandreau -- 50 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 400-450# - BT, All Nat
Wade Habeck -- 50 Blk & Hrf Mostly Strs -- 550-625# - BT, PC
Wilbur & Darlene Troyer -- 44 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 500-550# - BT
Frank Dooley -- 42 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfns -- 580-650# - BT, PC
Ott Ranch -- 40 Blk & Bldy Strs & Hfns -- 500-625# - BT, PC
Brad Holyoak -- 35 Red Strs -- 550-600# - BT, PC, NI
Ray Crowser -- 30 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 500-600# - BT, PC, NI
Lazy HD -- 30 Blk Strs -- 650-700# - BT, PC, NI
Vern Ward -- 30 Blk & Red Strs & Hfns -- 350# - BT, PC
Donna Gantz -- 30 Blk Strs & Hfns -- 550# - BT, PC, NI
Stirling & Victoria Holland -- 17 Mostly Red Strs -- 500-550# - BT, NI, PC
Crystal Rath -- 15 Strs & Hfns -- 400-500# - BT
Dennis Beighley -- 13 Blk Mostly Strs -- 500-600# - BT, PC

Saturday, October 12, 2024

Weigh Up Sale

9:00 AM -- Weighups 12:00 Noon - Bred Cows

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Sheep Report - Thursday, October 3, 2024

Feeder lambs under 60# sold \$10 lower and the remainder sold steady
Slaughter ewes sold \$10 lower

Next sale - October 10th - Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special
- Selling all classes of sheep and goats
Animals should be here by 10 AM so they can be weighed before the sale
Thank you for your business!

Feeder Lambs			
Boylan, Robert, Newell SD	655	Lamb	\$185.00
Boylan, Robert, Newell SD	81	Lamb	\$222.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD	45	Lamb	\$220.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD	164	Lamb	\$170.00
Schmidt, Cleve, Belle Fourche SD	45	Lamb	\$147.00
Brown, Tim, Buffalo SD	117	Lamb	\$145.00
Davis, Jim & Tyef, Belle Fourche SD	126	Lamb	\$92
Frank, Brent Or Vikki, Newell SD	35	Lamb	\$167.00
Harmon, Custis, Newell SD	36	Lamb	\$167.00
J3 Enterprises, Belle Fourche SD	157	Lamb	\$176.00
Jacobsen, Mary, Newell SD	61	Lamb	\$220.00
Jacobsen, Mary, Newell SD	206	Lamb	\$175.00
Jacobsen, Mary, Newell SD	44	Lamb	\$147.00
Johnson Sheep & Cattle, Belle Fourche SD	125	Lamb	\$165.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT	214	Lamb	\$156.00
Johnston, Myron, Hammond MT	168	Lamb	\$136.00
Johnstone, Ginger, Powdermill MT	45	Lamb	\$132.00
King, Justin, Hammond MT	141	Lamb	\$175.00
King, Justin, Hammond MT	42	Lamb	\$147.00
Lakeview Ranch, Newell SD	223	Lamb	\$143.00
Mahaffy, Lonnie, Newell SD	47	Lamb	\$173.00
Mills, Amanda & Stevej, Boyes MT	41	Lamb	\$171.00
Mountain Valley Livestock, Douglas WY	50	Lamb	\$221.00

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head			
Meeks, Jaymi, Lantry SD	19	S-Ss	\$130.00
Mountain Valley Livestock, Douglas WY	115	6yr	\$122.50
Page, Ben Or Fran, Faith SD	62	5yr	\$115.00
Williams, Charlie Or Erin, Alzada MT	170	6yr	\$130.00
Willow Creek Partners LP, Alzada MT	208	6yr	\$115.00

NEWELL SHEEP YARDS

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special 1:00 PM
Expecting 3500 to 4000 Feeder Lambs

Replacement Ewes
Clair Janvrin -- Dispersion -- 500 Yrlg To 6 Yr Old Ewes
Tom & Jim Bowers -- 75 Yrlg Ewes -- Fancy, Fine Wool
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Please have animals in by 10:00 AM
So they can all be weighed before the sale!

2024 SHEEP SALES

October 17th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 24th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
October 31st -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 7th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 14th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 21st -- Feeder Lamb & Replacement Ewe Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
November 28th -- No Sale -- Happy Thanksgiving!
December 5th -- Feeder Lamb Special -- Selling All Classes Of Sheep & Goats
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VIEWPOINT I Like South Dakota the way it is? Vote No

Dakota Scout Guest column by Chris Larson



In South Dakota, this Nov. 5 election is poised to have an enormous lasting impact on our way of life. And I'm not talking about Trump v. Harris.

This year, there are seven ballot measures that we are being asked to vote on, and I would wager that most South Dakota voters know very little about most of them. It's vitally important that voters educate themselves on these proposals before voting on them.

As chairman of a grassroots campaign named Vote NO in NO-vember, my task is to educate our fellow citizens on the substantial dangers related to four particular ballot questions that many of us believe would have catastrophic impacts on our South Dakota way of life.

- Amendment G
- IM 29
- RL 21
- Amendment H

When I visit with South Dakotans about these issues, I ask one simple question: "Do you like South Dakota?" Every response I get is "Yes". Every single time.

If you enjoy living in our state, enjoy the culture, the people and the fruits of living in the Heartland, then why in the world should we radically change it?

It makes no sense, particularly after what we've all collectively experienced these past five years. There's been too much chaos, too

much propaganda, and too little trust in our institutions.

Each one of these four ballot measures would make South Dakota more like California, and I don't mean the pleasant weather.

As a conservative, voting NO on all four of these ballot measures is a no-brainer. As a South Dakotan of any political persuasion (yes, even Independents), voting NO on Amendment H should also be an easy vote to place.

It should be, but because of the enormous advertising budget that the proponents of H have at their disposal, we are being bombarded by propaganda messaging that can lead to confusion.

Words like "Fair" and "Open" are strategically used as tools of persuasion, but the reality is that if H passes, our entire election system will become the opposite of fair and open.

No longer will the average citizen be able to realistically run for office to represent their district in Pierre, unless they can somehow come up with enormous amounts of money to be able to compete in what will essentially be another general election.

Our local elections will become giant advertising campaigns, with candidates who are supported by Big Business and out-of-state special interests.

The only reason that Amendment H made it onto our ballots in the first place is due to a \$451,000 donation from a PAC by the name of "Unite America", which has ties to East Coast billionaires.

I wonder why these shadowy groups feel so compelled to radically change South Dakota? As I mentioned earlier, our NO in NO-vember campaign is 100 percent a grassroots effort, with no ties to Big Business, "party bosses" or out-of-state organizations.

Just regular folks trying to educate voters on the truth of these ballot measures.

Speaking of Big Business influencing our candidates and elections, David Knudson, crony

of arguably the most powerful businessman in South Dakota, T. Denny Sanford, recently spoke at a Sioux Falls Rotary debate in favor of Amendment H.

As I sat in the audience, I was dumbfounded when David veered off-script and let slip what many of us suspect is the real motivation behind their push for H.

This past June our primaries shocked many Establishment politicians when a large number of truly grassroots candidates with very little money managed to defeat incumbent politicians; which Mr. Knudson opined was somehow damaging "to democracy".

Amendment H proponent and very well-connected Big Business fan Joe Kirby likes to make the claim that Amendment H would be "good for independents," but it's clear that the type of candidates that these men dream of are anything BUT independent. Amendment H would also be bad for Democrat candidates and voters in in South Dakota.

South Dakota Democratic Executive Director Dan Ahlers has been making some very valid arguments across the state as to why H would make it even more difficult for candidates in his party to even get on the ballot in many parts of our state. A top-two "primary" system would seriously hamper genuine Democrat candidates from even considering a run in many districts, particularly West River.

So whether you consider yourself to be a Republican, Democrat or Independent, I am asking you to vote NO on Amendment H next month.

We need clarity and transparency from our candidates, not more corruption from big-money special interests.

And if you also love South Dakota, from the prairies to the Black Hills; and if you love our people and our way of life, I ask you to vote NO in NOVEMBER. Chris Larson is a local business owner in Sioux Falls.

VIEWPOINT I South Dakota doesn't have too many ballot issues in November

Dakota Scout Guest column by Joe Kirby

As we approach the November election, voters will start to focus on the ballot issues they are

being asked to decide. There are seven this year, which is about normal.

Two of the seven are constitutional amendments submitted to voters by the legislature.

They must get our permission when they want to change the Constitution. The other issues are on the ballot because of citizen-led petition drives.

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voters to decide a specific issue. We have over a century of direct democracy history in South Dakota; we like voting on ballot issues. But the political class in our state doesn't like it. One of the reasons initiatives

are so popular in South Dakota is that our Legislature is often out of touch with voters. Many legislators are elected by and answerable only to the partisans



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Looking Back in Belle

Looking Back In Belle -- These articles come from newspaper microfilm from the Belle Fourche Public library, using a new microfilm reader and printer. The photographs are from the Tri-State Museum.

Catherine Thybo DAR chapter is celebrating the newly honored Women of American History Geraldine Heinbaugh, early radio announcer on KBFS station and early Belle Fourche teacher Laura McCutchen.

The Northern Hills DAR chapter have nominated 27 local women for this honor. The chapter will honor these ladies at their October 13 morning tea at St James Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 9:30.

The Daughters of American Revolution chapters are encouraged to choose a woman to honor for this recognition by taking into consideration women who have made a contribution or a difference in their communities. Everyone is welcome to honor these ladies.

Laura McCutcheon, who lived from 1883 to 1962, often taught three generations of the same family in the Belle Fourche school system.

"My passion was to bring the joy of learning to the classroom," she said. McCutcheon taught English, Spanish, Latin and French.

McCutcheon loved to travel and had been to every state in the "Union," had been to Europe four times, and to Hawaii. President Calvin Coolidge stayed at her family's ranch home when he attended the Belle Fourche Roundup in 1927.

She noted being very proud of her son. Her family, as so many living in the early Belle Fourche area, endured some

hardships along the way but added many contributions to the community.

Laura Rhodes came to Butte county with her parents, who settled on their homestead west of Belle Fourche.

She became a teacher before she married Dan McCutchen a local attorney. When there was a shortage of teachers later she was asked to come back to the system after she had been dismissed as a "married lady." Her advice included, "Never stop giving to others."

DAR's second lady being honored as Women of American History is Geraldine Heinbaugh.

Geraldine Walton was born in 1905, she married Leslie Heinbaugh in Belle Fourche, SD in 1924. They had one daughter and 5 boys.

They lived on their ranch which was a sheep ranch and Geraldine was a charter member of the Western South Dakota Sheep Auxiliary.

She operated a wool shop in her home; she was president and served on a committee for the National Wool Growers'. The first Radio Program was started in 1950 by Geraldine on the local KDSJ station.

The radio program was held in the Belle Theater, where she would interview people on topics of local interest.

When she first came to Belle Fourche she was a telephone operator in an office on the 2nd floor of the Gay-Smiley hardware store.



by Mary Buchholz



Laura McCutchen



Geraldine Heinbaugh

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The net swished like a breeze as an Erwin player put in a stellar shot from beyond the free throw line. The score was tied.

Feet pounded on the bleachers. Every fan stood. Some clasped their hands as they watched sons, brothers, friends. Screams from the crowd drowned the chants of the cheerleaders. Seconds ticked away on the clock.

The Erwin guards bolted down the court to block their opponents. Arms lifted high. A player pressed forward, reaching frantically to steal the ball, but the other player held on. The referee's whistle shrilled above the noise of the fans, calling for a jump-ball.

The officials lined the players around the free-throw line to set up a jump to decide who got the ball. Though three inches shorter, the Erwin player got the tip and the ball landed in the hands of our brother, who deftly laid it through the hoop above. Fans gasped. Others groaned. Donald had scored two points for the other team!

The Erwin coach stepped out on the floor and signaled time-out. I can only imagine the crushing disappointment my brother must have felt at that moment, blaming himself for letting down his teammates, his friends. Uniforms drenched in sweat, the five walked to the huddle. The few players left on the bleachers sidled in to show their support.

I don't know what the coach said to those young men nearly 60 years ago, but the story of a fellow player's faith and what went on to happen at that basketball game lives on in the hearts of all of my siblings. His



DeAnn Kruempel

nickname was Willie. Unwavering, his eyes met Don's. "Don't worry about it. You will score for us and we will win this game!"

As it turned out, he did and they did.

Pulitzer Prize winner Edith Wharton once said, "There are two ways of

spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

The above story stands out in my mind as a perfect example of light and reflection—a great beginning for a new year of stories. All of my siblings remember either the game or the re-telling. Even after all these years, their voices falter, their eyes flood.

Consider all the light that shines from the story. A friend's encouragement that may have made the difference. Our brother's determination to win for the team as well as redeem himself. The happy ending made even better because it outshined the shadow, the mistake. Can we all empathize?

I cannot find any more details about that game. Something was said about the refs lining up the players incorrectly. (Though I was only three at the time and remember nothing, all these years later I really want to blame the refs!)

But our father would have taught all six of us, even after the 95th telling of the story that we are ultimately accountable for our mistakes.

Can such a memory cast a ray of light in our present world? Every one of us has stories to tell. Even the saddest memories can be a light to someone who needs encouragement to power through rough times. It is my prayer that in some small way the stories will inspire you.

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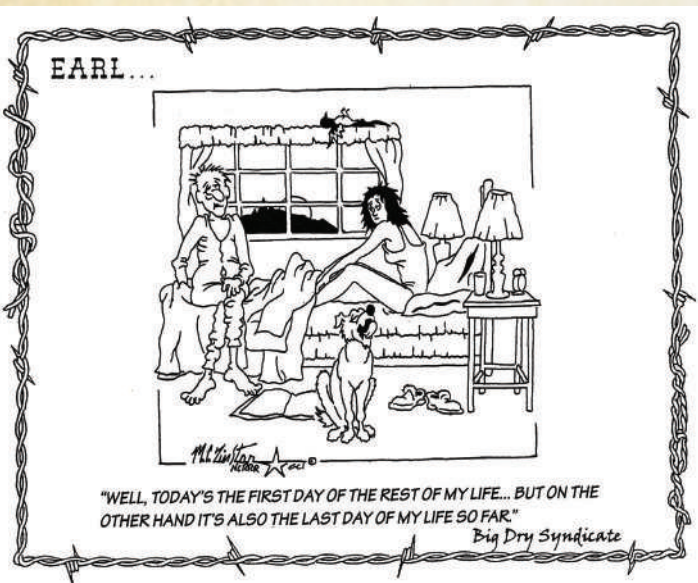
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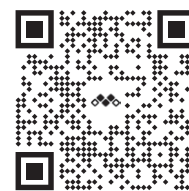
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in their party, which skews their perspectives. As a result, the Legislature's views often do not represent those of regular South Dakotans.

Our representative democracy governance system has been distorted under one-party rule and a closed primary election system. What may have once been workable under a two-party system no longer functions fairly. Today, large swaths of our electorate are underrepresented in the Legislature.

The state's closed primary election system gives party bosses the power to pick candidates and winners. A quarter of us, 150,000 independent voters, have no representatives. Another quarter has about 10 percent of the representatives. Meanwhile, half of us get 90 percent of the representatives and all of the statewide offices.

Every two years as an election involving ballot issues approaches, we inevitably hear political pundits utter two falsehoods. First, they suggest it is too easy to put an issue on the ballot in South Dakota. Second, they say voters have too many ballot issues to decide. The state's political class tends to conveniently forget what a normal number of ballot issues is in our state.



Joe Kirby

Of course, they would prefer that important decisions be left to the political establishment in Pierre.

They don't trust voters to understand all the nuances and do the right thing. Nevertheless, South Dakota voters continue to embrace direct democracy.

Huge challenge to put an issue on ballot

I have been involved in a couple statewide petition drives and hope to not have to do another. The time and expense are overwhelming.

Yet many in the political class have convinced themselves that it is too easy, and they annually propose creative attacks on the process to make it more difficult and expensive. Luckily, the courts and the voters keep pushing back.

South Dakota voters like voting on ballot questions. The number of people who vote on them sometimes exceeds the number who vote on filling statewide offices like governor or U.S. senator.

They like learning about the issues and making up their own minds, often in ways that differ from what the party boss-controlled Legislature would do. That's exactly why we embrace direct democracy in South Dakota.

After all, our state slogan is "Under God, the People Rule!" A brief history of South Dakota ballot issues

At the end of the 19th century, South Dakota was the first state in the country to adopt direct democracy. In the 1890s, South Dakota voters saw 14 ballot issues.

The following decade the number grew to 18. Then in the 1910s voters were asked to decide a record 54 ballot questions. But the number has stabilized since then.

Starting in the 1970s, we have averaged around 30 ballot issues every decade, which is six for each of the five election years. That's just a bit below the number of ballot issues voters will decide this November.

This year's issues include crowd-attracting topics like abortion, underground pipelines

and recreational marijuana. They also include important ones like open primaries and eliminating the sales tax on groceries.

The other two, from the legislature, involve cleaning up gender language in the constitution and making Medicaid patients work. I trust that South Dakota voters will do their homework and make good choices on each. And I suspect the political class, as it has done in the past, may then try to undermine the people's decisions on one or two of the issues.

Here are the seven ballot issues voters will see on their ballots in November. Each title will have an attorney general explanation of approximately 200 words.

Amendment E – An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, updating references to certain officeholders and persons.

Amendment F – An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, authorizing the state to impose work requirements on certain individuals who are eligible for expanded Medicaid.

Amendment G – An initiated Amendment Establishing a Right to Abortion.

Amendment H – An amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Establishing Top-Two

Primaries.

Initiated Measure 26 – An Initiated Measure Prohibiting Taxes on Anything Sold for Human Consumption.

Initiated Measure 27 – An Initiated Measure Legalizing the Recreational Use, Possession and Distribution of Marijuana.

A Referred Act to Provide New Statutory Requirements for Regulating Linear Transmission Facilities, to Allow Counties to Impose a Surcharge on Certain Pipeline Companies, and to Establish a Landowner Bill of Rights.

Direct democracy solves problems.

Imagine how much better our country might be today if we had direct democracy at the national level.

Pesky issues like immigration, abortion, border security, gun control and term or age limits for public officials might have been reasonably decided long ago. And I suspect our election system would have been overhauled to take power from the political establishment and return it to voters.

Alas, the political class holds all the cards at the federal level.

But not here in South Dakota. *Fourth-generation Sioux Falls resident Joe Kirby has been involved in city and state politics for decades. He has a blog at <https://siouxfallsjoe.com>.*

New book details Fort Pierre construction company's role in leading 2011 flood response

The Man Who Saved Pierre and Fort Pierre, centers around life, leadership of Milt Morris

Austin Goss

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FORT PIERRE - The 2011 Missouri River flood that shocked the Pierre area remains fresh in the minds of local residents like Milt Morris, founder of Morris Inc., who spearheaded the effort to protect Pierre and Fort Pierre

from fast rising waters. Morris, who started his company in 1970, was the driving force behind the construction of about four and a half miles of levees on both sides of the river. His leadership is credited with minimizing the damage to both cities despite record flows from the Oahe Dam.

A new book by Fort Pierre resident John Nagel, "The Man Who Saved Pierre and Fort Pierre," recounts Morris' life as it leads up and prepared him

for his pivotal role in the flood response. Nagel, whose Marion Gardens neighborhood was saved by a last-minute effort to plug a nearby canal, highlights Morris' determination and work ethic.

"He's just a farm kid," Nagel said of Morris. "If the flood came again, could you find another guy like him? He's the one who did it."

Nagel's roughly 126-page work details how the family-owned Morris Inc., under contract with the Army Corps of Engineers, was the only company to bid on both projects to build levees for Pierre and Fort Pierre. Morris led a highly coordinated, eight-day 24-hour effort involving hundreds of volunteers to protect the cities from floodwaters.

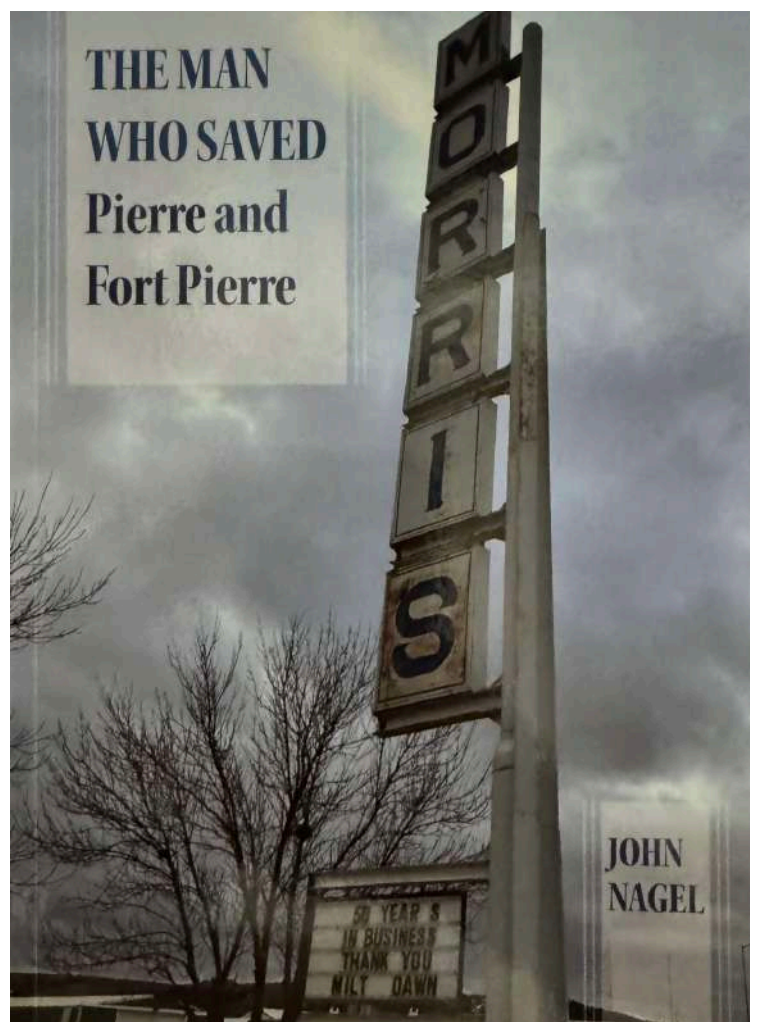
That included significant intervention and support by the state through Gov. Dennis Daugaard's administration and the state National Guard, the federal government, and good citizens from across the region who provided equipment, supplies and manual labor.

The book describes how Jim Seward, who served as Daugaard's general counsel at the time, was assigned to serve as the direct liaison between the governor's office and Milt.

"He (Daugaard) was calm, reasonable, matter of fact —



Dawn and Milt Morris in 2021. (Capital Journal)



(Austin Goss/The Dakota Scout)

perhaps even more important, he was present," Nagel writes of Daugaard.

Dawn Morris, wife of Milt and a one-time employee of the construction company herself, coordinated the volunteer allocation during the events. She estimates that at any given time, over 400 different people were helping with construction of the levees — including the dozens of Morris employees who worked in overdrive for weeks to lead the effort.

"We had outstanding employees," Dawn said. "And we had many more extremely capable individuals showing up."

Still, the round-the-clock effort was not without its hang ups. The book details how the Army Corps of Engineers — not known for its ability to be efficient or move quickly — moved to stifle various aspects of construction because of federal rules that they were "required" to adhere to.

One such example of the bureaucracy in action was when Corps officials said that the levee walls had to be a certain slope. Another time, as the clock ticked, they cautioned that trees on the river side of the wall needed to be removed before construction could move forward.

An attempt was also made to prevent trucks — which had been driven in from hundreds of miles away to help — that had cracked windshields from being on the job sites.

Each assertion by the seemingly all-powerful entity ran into the same obstacle — Milt.

Detailed at length in the book is the time that the Corps attempted to shut down con-

struction of the levee with just hours before the water would rise because of the plastic being used to cover the dirt walls. They had required that a certain plastic be used for the project, but once that had run out, Morris Inc. leadership advocated for a black, thicker plastic.

"As the eighty-day flood progressed, the Corps had to replace all of the clear plastic they had so vehemently required because it was not UV-rated," the book explains. "So, it deteriorated... In the end, the Corps spent a lot more money replacing it than on the black plastic, which not only held up, but did not get ripped off."

When all was said and done, the combined effort had required moving and placing about 120,000 cubic yards of material. The coordinated effort had included 15 bulldozers, eight excavators, five motor graders, eight loaders and about 150 trucks.

As Nagel's book highlights, the 2011 flood showcased the strength and resilience of the two river communities. It wasn't just Milt Morris who made a difference — it was the hundreds of volunteers, employees, and residents who came together to protect their homes.

But Morris' leadership stood at the forefront of that collective fight, a testament to the grit and resourcefulness that has defined his life.

"I don't ever see it happening again," Milt said. "There are better checks and balances now... It ain't going to be in my lifetime, that's for sure."

The book is for sale with various local vendors in the Pierre area and on Amazon..



Sights and scenes from Pierre and Fort Pierre during the 2011 Missouri River flood. (Submitted)

Area Church Schedules

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Central Meade County News

By Sandy Rhoden September 29, 2024



It was a full weekend for some of us, but at the forefront for unusual news would be the extremely warm, dry weather we experienced last week. While hanging in the 80 to 90s from Wednesday through the weekend, our thermometer topped off on Sunday with 100 degrees. This was on September 29 when we might even see snow in certain cases. South Dakota weather is definitely hard to keep up with. It's time to pray for rain as the fire danger will continue to rise with these conditions.

word was that Edna had the piano 'smokin'!

Larry and Sandy Rhoden also had a full schedule beginning on Wednesday through Friday with the Buffalo Round up near Custer. Mike Roe from "Dirty Jobs" attended on Thursday and Friday morning. Larry was able to make friends with him and had a great one on one before turning in on Thursday. They hit it off right away. On Friday evening Larry was the speaker for the SDFRW's western themed social and dinner at the Diamond Spur near Hill City. It was the kickoff for the South Dakota Federation of Republican Women Biennial Convention. The Convention ended on Sunday with a morning service led by Lorie Hausmann and a light breakfast at Mt. Rushmore with a beautiful setting as the backdrop for their installation of officers and photo ops. Sandy was not able to attend the convention after Friday as she and Larry headed to Sioux Falls for the Governor's Cup Rodeo on Saturday night. In the Governor's absence, Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden had the honor of presenting trophies to the winners. This was the last qualifying rodeo for the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas. Eric and Cheryl Bogue joined them

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t was a busy week for a lot of folks this past weekend. Edna Smith received her induction into the Legends of Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame at the Moose Lodge in Rapid City on that very warm Sunday afternoon. Mildred (Bennet) Reed, Eileen and Tom Ashiem, many of the Stoneville Church crew, Karen Speed, Cheryl Hammerstrom, Mckayla Neiderwerder, Linda Opstedahl, Kathryn Spring, Jack Seller, Henrietta McNenny, Viola Barry, Lorie Rhoden Hausmann, and many more friends from Meade County were there to support her. Edna's daughters Tammy & Deanna were there as well as her son Marvin. She got a standing ovation and played 3 songs. The

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When consumers spend money at local businesses rather than online retailers or out-of-town chains, dollars tend to recirculate through the local economy many times. This is known as the "local multiplier effect" or "compounding effect" and significantly boosts a community's economic vitality. Studies find the multiplier for local spending typically ranges from 3 to 7, meaning that each dollar spent locally generates an additional \$2-\$6 of economic activity in the community.

because they have higher labor costs relative to inventory costs. Communities with more robust local supply chains will see stronger multiplier effects as businesses can

The multiplier effect occurs because local businesses are more likely to spend their revenue within the community as well. When a consumer spends \$100 at a local shop, that business owner may use some of that money to: pay wages to local employees, purchase goods/services from other local businesses, pay rent to a local property owner, donate to local charities and organizations and so forth. Those recipients then re-spend much of that money locally as well, creating an ongoing cycle of local economic activity. In contrast, when a consumer spends \$100 with an online retailer or chain store headquartered elsewhere, most of that money immediately leaves the local economy.

source more goods and services locally. More densely populated areas often see higher multipliers due to the proximity of businesses and consumers. Locally-owned businesses typically recirculate a higher percentage of revenue than local outlets of national chains. The more self-sufficient a local economy is, the stronger the multiplier tends to be. Communities that must import many goods and services will see more money "leak" out.

Several studies have attempted to quantify the local multiplier effect. A frequently cited study by Civic Economics found that spending \$100 at a local bookstore generated \$45 of local economic activity, vs. only \$13 for a chain bookstore. The New Economics Foundation in the UK found that £10 spent at a local food business was worth £25 to the local economy, compared with just £14 when spent at a supermarket chain. A study in Salt Lake City found local retailers recirculated 52% of their revenue locally, compared to just 14% for national chains.

To better illustrate how the multiplier effect works, let's follow a \$100 purchase through several rounds of local spending, assuming a conservative 50% of each transaction stays local: First, the consumer spends \$100 at local bookstore. Secondly, the bookstore spends \$50 locally (wages, rent, etc.) Thirdly, recipients of that \$50 spend \$25 locally. Fourth, recipients of that \$25 spend \$12.50 locally. Fifth, recipients of that \$12.50 spend \$6.25 locally. That simple illustration led to total economic impact of \$193.75. This simplified example shows a multiplier of nearly 2x. In reality, the effect would likely be stronger as some participants may spend more than 50% locally, and the cycle continues beyond 5 rounds.

These examples point to local multipliers in the 3-4x range. Some analyses have found even higher multipliers. An economic impact study in Portland, Maine estimated that shifting 10% of consumer spending from chains to locally-owned businesses would generate \$127 million in additional local economic activity - implying a multiplier over 7x. Studies by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance have found multipliers ranging from 3.5x to more than 5x across various communities and business types.

Now let's compare this to a \$100 online purchase: First, consumer spends \$100 online. Secondly, perhaps \$10 stays local as wages for delivery driver and so forth. Thirdly, driver spends \$5 locally. Fourth, recipients of that \$5 spend \$2.50 locally. That total economic impact was only \$17.50. These two examples show how quickly money can leave a local economy when spent non-locally. The difference in local economic impact between these two \$100 purchases is \$176.25 - more than 11 times greater for the local purchase.

The strength of the local multiplier effect can vary based on several factors. Type of business: Some local businesses, like restaurants and service providers, tend to have higher local multipliers than retailers

Beyond the immediate economic impact, strong local multiplier effects can provide numerous long-term benefits to a community. Local businesses tend to create more jobs relative to their revenue compared to large chains. A thriving local business ecosystem encourages more startups and innovation. Locally-owned businesses are more likely to support local causes and organizations. Local businesses contribute to a community's distinct identity and sense of place. Diverse local economies are often more resilient to economic shocks

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Capitol News



Sept. 30, 2024
Well, October comes in two days, but the people on Tie Creek and at Capitol had a temperature above

one-hundred degrees, today. Tomorrow's high is predicted to be forty degrees cooler. We can hope that another big wind is not part of the coming cold front.

Dick and Erma Albert had a very normal week. On Tuesday, when they were shopping in the Hills, they picked up some supplies for Bobbie to use for the Senior Citizen dinners. Erma had a chiropractor appointment on Wednesday. They both went to the chicken dinner at the Senior Center, on Friday, and Erma stayed afterward to play cards. She reports that the new Buffalo Library building is nearly completed, and will open soon at the location near the Courthouse. Dick and Erma went to church on Sunday, and stayed for the pot luck dinner and meeting in the afternoon.

Bruce and Lynn Gustafson went to the Hills to do some shopping, on Wednesday. Lynn was invited as a special friend, to join in Bingo on Thursday. The Bingo for special friends was on Thursday at the school in Buffalo. Sunday was the all-parish church service, and Bruce and Lynn went to Ladner for the service and dinner afterward. Little Missouri Church was asked to bring desserts, and Lynn took along a dessert for the meal.

Doug and Julia Davis had friends visit from East River, this week. Dave Finney and his son, Kirk, came on Friday, and

spent a couple of days helping Doug with some chores. They went to the Camp Crook Firemen's supper on Saturday night. Doug stayed and helped clean up afterwards, and then they went to watch the football game for a while.

Alvin and Marlee Cordell had hunters from Tennessee, and then other hunters from Pennsylvania, this week. On Thursday evening, Alvin and Marlee went to Belle Fourche for the Ag Banquet at the Community Center. There was good food and interesting speakers. Marlee, and Ryan and Tawni's family went to church at the Methodist Church in Camp Crook on Sunday, and stayed for the pot luck dinner afterward.

Junior and Shirley Melum had visitors on Saturday. Karen Odell came to return a baking pan to Shirley, and George Oleson came for a visit, too. The four of them had such an interesting visit that the time seemed to fly past. Rachel Melum had gone to Baker for the Fall Festival, on Saturday. She and some of the other Baptist Church ladies spent time painting special designs on faces. On Sunday, Ernie and Tommy joined Rachel at church, and they all stayed for the church picnic in the afternoon. On Sunday evening they visited at Junior and Shirley's.

Dorothy Padden has been keeping up with the Harding County sports on the computer. The NFHS website shows most of the games. Kelly Padden stopped by on Saturday, to bring Dorothy some flowers and stay for a good visit.

Bryce and Dawn Padden have been keeping up with the sporting events of Harding County. With grandchildren in

most sports and age levels, it keeps them busy. On Tuesday, Dawn got some work done for her mother, Helen Stevens. They worked at the cabin in the Chalk Buttes. Then on Wednesday, Bryce and Dawn took a break from sports and did some preg-testing at home. Friday was the Timber Lake high school football game. Timber Lake has a new football facility that is really great, and so is their concession stand food. Dawn was at the Lemmon junior high volleyball jamboree on Saturday. On Sunday, Bryce and Dawn were busy at home, moving cows.

Karen Odell visited with granddaughter, Kenna, on Friday. That evening, she watched the Mitchell High School football game at Watertown on the internet. It was a tough game, but so great to get to see her grandson play. On Saturday, Karen finally returned a baking pan to Shirley Melum. It was a nice day, and good time to visit. As it turned out, George Oleson came to visit also, and they had a wonderful time talking and having some of Rachel's cake and coffee. On Sunday, Karen played piano for the church service in Camp Crook. It was a special Sunday with four baptisms and communion. Their past minister, Jerry Dinsmore, came out of retirement for a Sunday, to conduct the service, and the church was packed with family and friends. After the service, everyone joined in a dinner that included special cakes for birthdays for Asher Wolff and Marlee Cordell. Karen visited with all of her kids, this week. She's hoping the hot weather is over for a while.

A white-out and a black-out do the same thing. It's only when variety happens that we can see.



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Heritage Project

safety. Butte-Lawrence County Extension Services are well set up to offer the program as there has been a shooting sports group here since 2009. The safe and responsible use of firearms is the primary focus of the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

The general knowledge component of the project consists of general knowledge questions about the frontier west with some essay questions too.

The participation component involves research and a presentation. Participants chose a character from the time-period, dress accordingly in long dresses or authentic period style costumes and present the character from first person point of view as an oral presentation. Participants must conduct and record their research and create a binder with information and references.

The kids receive scores and feedback for all three components from experienced judges.

An authentic frontier style lunch was prepared and served by Travis and Jessica Casteel. The meal consisted of standard meat, potatoes, a vegetable and dessert. The meat dish was "Wedding Beef" which is a roast in gravy over mashed potatoes, served with a vegetable dish, "cream cheese hominy" and peach cobbler all prepared over an open fire in cast iron cookware.

Jessica remarked that one of her favorite things about cooking outdoors is throwing the scraps out in the dirt.

As Jessica Casteel and her son Tap (short for Tapadero) cut out baking powder biscuits, she explained that the recipes represented authentic frontier cooking.

A lot of community and family participation goes into an event such as the Western Heritage Project and quite a few people to thank for going above and beyond.

Presentation judges were Bill and Audrey Hennesey.

Food for the lunch was donated by the Mains and Stumpf families.

Amy Clark, Butte Lawrence County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator

Travis and Jess Casteel provided the chuck wagon and cooking expertise

Everyone who participated and attended

The event lasted all day. There were plenty of adults present, the kids had fun.

Elliot Jensen was especially pleased with the day and the event. "We still have some things to learn about running an event.

There's been a lot of interest in the shooting, which kind of draws the kids into learning more about the time-period. "I like that we are keeping traditions and knowledge of the past alive.

I like that everyone is learning" He reflected. The first Western Heritage project in South Dakota was a success by anyone's standards.



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The Chuckwagon owned by the Casteels is an authentic 1918 Peter Shuttler wagon. Courtesy photo



Head Range Officers - State Level 2 Instructor Larry Lee, Ed Stumpf, Elliot Jensen and State Level 2 Instructor Heather Lee seated. (Photo courtesy of Amy Clark)



Jessica Casteel checks on the Peach Cobbler. Courtesy photo



Jessica Casteel preparing the meal in a Dutch oven cooked over open coals with help from Haddie Casteel and Ledger Jensen. (Photo courtesy of Amy Clark)

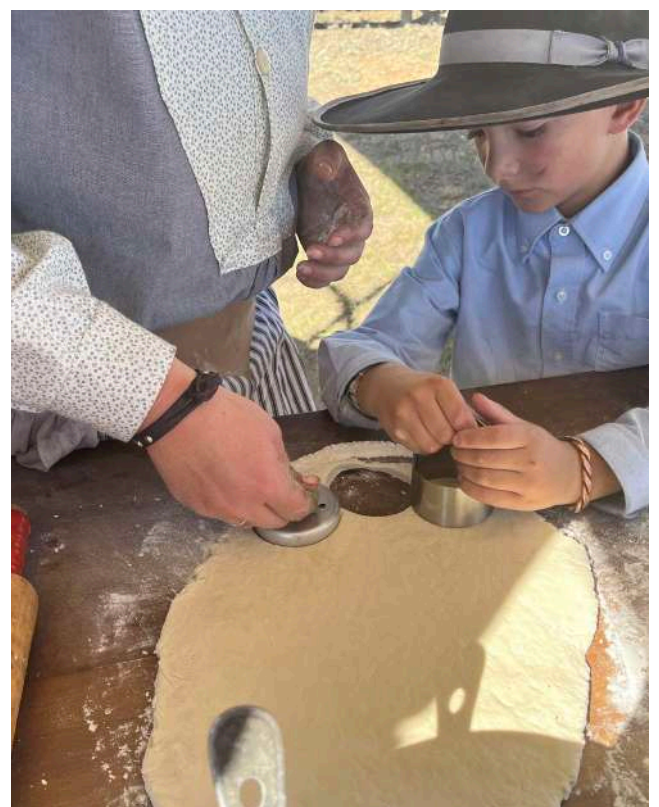


Lunch cooking in cast iron cookware. Courtesy Photo



Testing gun identification directed by State Level 2 Instructor Heather Lee (Photo courtesy of Amy Clark, Butte Lawrence County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator)

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	Rebecca	Stumpf		Elijah	Kari
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	Josh	Main		Ledger	Jensen
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	Karlie	Kammerer		Arlis	Lutz
	Lydia	Main		Haddie	Casteel
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Range Officer A	Elliot	Jensen			
Range Officer B	Ed	Stumpf			
Range Helper	Jason	Hanson			
Organizer/Runner	Amy	Clark			
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Cooking (Chuck wagon)	Jess	Casteel			
Cooking (Chuck wagon)	Haddie	Casteel			
Cooking (Chuck wagon)	Tapadero	Casteel			
Interview Judge 1	Heather	Lee			
Interview Judge 2	Bill	Hennesey			
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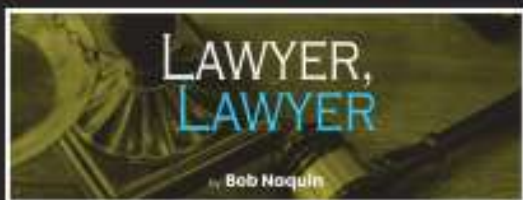
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On hand to celebrate the official ribbon cutting ceremony at *Belle Fourche Antiques* are left to right: **Elsie Hix** (Receptionist & Sales KYDT/KBFS), **Clay Yeoman** (owner), **Cassie Pannone**, (Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce Board Chair), **Addison Olson**, **Karla Berglund** (Belle Fourche Antiques shop assistant) **Gretchen Clooney**, and **Mary Clarkson** (customers), **Matt Brunner** (owner), **Danielle Howard**, and **Mikayla Boswell** (BF Chamber of Commerce). *Beacon Photo*

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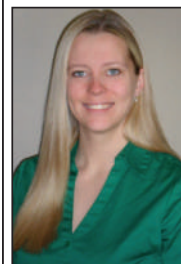
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Warning signs found in new South Dakota economic data

Farm income, sales tax collections, job openings, unemployment, personal income and gross domestic product are among the top concerns. 'No red flags ... (but) a return to more of the normal.'

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So far in the post-pandemic period, the South Dakota economy is humming along nicely, though some new economic indicators reveal concerns that growth might slow in the coming months or years.

According to a recent financial forecast produced by the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, many data points show the state has been in a very strong financial position in regard to housing, employment, income and gross domestic production.

However, three economic experts asked by News Watch to review and analyze the state forecast said the almost unprecedented growth seen since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 appears to be tapering off. "I'd say our economy has grown very strongly over the last three years, uncharacteristically strongly, and this year, we are seeing kind of a reversion to the mean, kind of a return to more of the normal, if you will," said Jared McEntaffer, CEO of the Dakota Institute, a nonprofit group focused on analyzing and aiding the South Dakota economy.

New data points underscore challenges

Furthermore, the experts said a few indicators in the recent state report should be watched closely, as they carry potential warning signs for the future.

Chief among those concerning indicators:

A somewhat stark drop in overall farm income since 2022 that can cause negative ripple effects across the entire state economy.

Lower-than-expected state sales tax collections in June

and July, which could portend a crisis if that trend continues — especially if voters decide in November to end the sales tax on consumable goods.

The vast divide between the roughly 30,000 open jobs in the state and the 10,000 unemployed people in the workforce, which can stall business growth and productivity. The state's 2% unemployment rate, which could lead to employers hoarding existing workers and preventing businesses from being able to expand or grow.

A steady slide in growth rate in personal incomes since 2021.

A slip in gross domestic product growth in 2024 that may be the result of other economic factors that are slowing growth overall in the state.

Despite those results, McEntaffer said that "there's no red flags that I'm seeing that jump out to me and say, 'Hey, we could be looking at a change in fortunes in South Dakota.'"

Here is an at-a-glance look at a few economic indicators that the economists highlighted in the Aug. 29, 2024, report.

Farm incomes fall from peak
According to the state report, overall farm income in South Dakota was around \$700 million in 2006, then rose to \$3.7 billion in 2011 before dropping to about \$1.2 billion in 2016-17. When the pandemic hit in 2020, however, demand and commodity prices both rose sharply and as a result, so did farm income, reaching \$3.7 billion in 2021 and peaking at \$4.4 billion in 2022.

Since then, however, prices have come down and overall farm income fell as well, to \$3.8 billion in 2023, with prices for corn and soybeans continuing to decline in 2024. Spending on farm equipment also dipped in 2023, the state report showed.

Joe Santos, a macro economics professor at South Dakota State University, said commodity prices paid to state farmers rose sharply during the COVID-19 pandemic and when war broke out in Ukraine, due to the loss of production of

grain in Ukraine and the initial disruption of supply lines that drove up demand.

"Obviously, we don't want to see a pandemic, and we'd love to see peace in Ukraine," he said. "But without those pressures, prices will sort of ease. And while they won't go into the toilet, they won't be where they were when you had a pandemic and the belligerent activity that drove up commodity prices."

The dip in farm incomes and the resulting negative outcomes statewide are good examples of how the South Dakota economy is often tied to external forces and events, Santos said.

"I think the way you're going to see sluggishness in terms of economic activity in the state is probably going to be imported, in that the economic activity of this state reflects activity outside the state," Santos said. "I think that's probably our greatest vulnerability in South Dakota, in the state's sensitivity to economic activity outside the state."

Pluses and minuses of low unemployment

South Dakota is in an unusual position when it comes to its

employment picture.

According to state data, non-farm employment growth has risen sharply since hitting a 12-year low point during the height of the pandemic in 2020, when the state had about 350,000 people working. Since then, non-farm employment has risen to about 470,000 people working.

Meanwhile, the unemployment rate in South Dakota, which was about 3.5% in 2014 and which rose to 8.5% during the pandemic, has now fallen to around 2%, according to state data. The national unemployment rate has followed a similar pattern, jumping to more than 14% in 2020 and now hovering around 4.5%.

Santos called the low unemployment rate a "second-order problem" that is less impactful than high unemployment, which would make it hard for people who want to work to find jobs.

But Santos also said an unemployment rate of 2% or lower could create a soft spot in the state economy.

"I think the downside is that the economic activity in the state is constrained by its inability to attract workers," Santos said.

David Chicoine, a former president and economics professor at South Dakota State

University, said economists across the country are trying to determine what level of unemployment is acceptable to sustain larger economic growth.

"The question that has come up since COVID and since the Great Recession, is what is the appropriate level of unemployment to have a robust economy?" he said. "Clearly, 2% is, in most people's view, too low because that means you don't have enough workers to take advantage of new opportunities and sustain long-term growth."

Worker shortage a concern
The other, somewhat related, concerning data point is that the state had about 33,000 open jobs in mid-2023 and only 10,000 unemployed people, which Chicoine said can stunt productivity and growth in the business sector.

That gap exists even as the state has seen population growth of 1.5% in 2022 and more than 1% in 2023, both rates that outpaced national growth.

"I still think the economy is going to grow, but at what pace?" he said. "If you've got more jobs than you have people, that's going to put a constraint on the ability to grow because you're just not going to be able to have the output of a stronger labor force."



The agriculture industry in South Dakota has faced some financial headwinds, including flooding that occurred on this Campbell County farm property east of Herreid, S.D., on June 8, 2022. (Photo: Stu Whitney / South Dakota News Watch)



Housing construction was a relatively steady driver of the South Dakota economy from 2018 to 2022 but has slowed significantly since then. This apartment complex was built in 2022 in Summerset, S.D. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch)

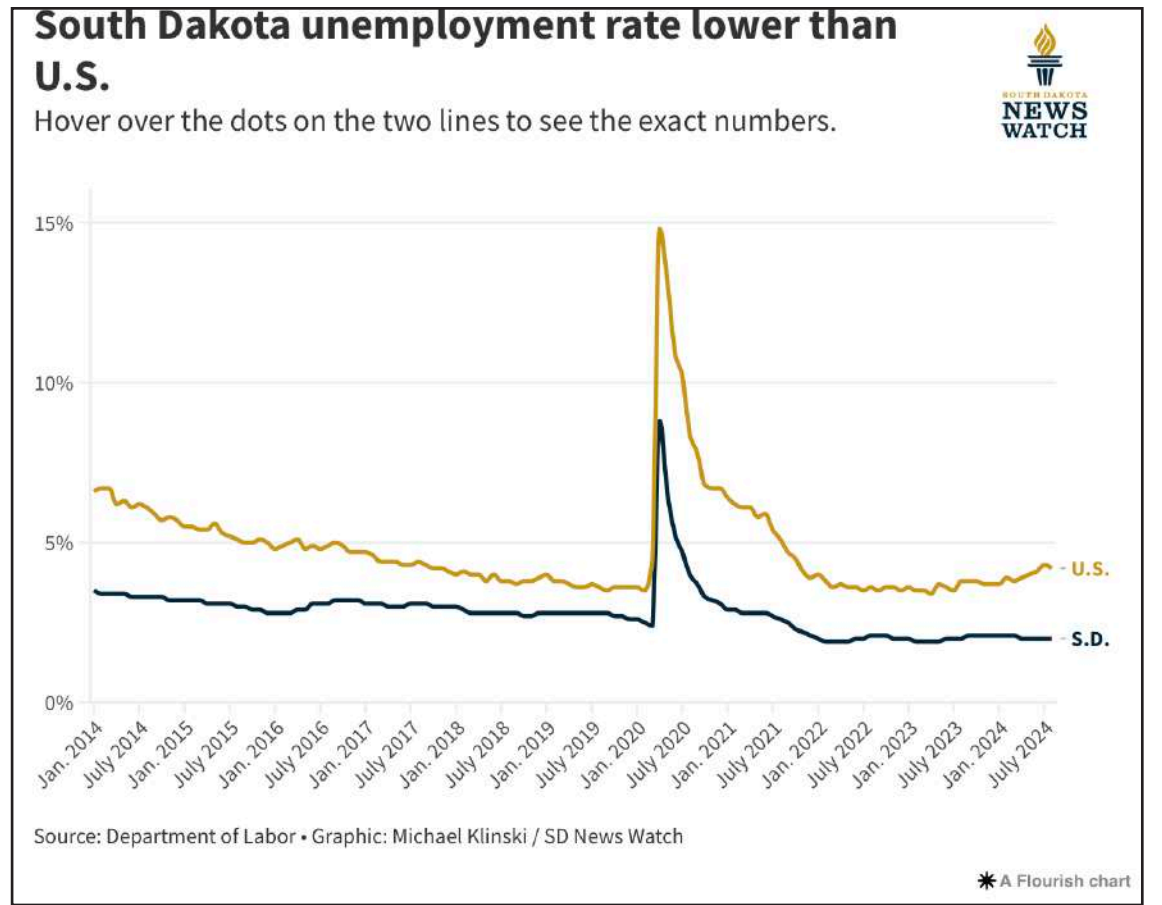
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From C3 **John Newby**
than those dependent on a few large employers.
While the exact multiplier varies, evidence clearly shows dollars spent locally have a significantly greater impact on a community's economy compared to non-local spending. With multipliers ranging from 3x to 7x, even a small percentage of consumer spending to local businesses can generate substantial economic benefits for a community. This multiplier effect shows the importance of supporting local businesses

as a strategy for economic development and resilience.
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From C3 **Central Meade**
as well as Jim and Joni Hunt. Eric and Cheryl raised their family near Red Elm and their kiddos all went to Faith High School. They live in Canton now so are close to Sioux Falls. With the western theme as the dress code for all events, packing was a bit easier for the 5 day trip.
Interestingly, this magnificent Governor's Cup Rodeo is a class act production and is put on by the Rorey Lemmel Bucker company. Rorey was born and raised north of Stoneville. He and his whole family help plan and execute the exceptional

rodeo where thousands attended. This was the 2nd year of this unique rodeo. Jim Hunt is currently the Nat'l President of NQHA, National Quarter Horse Association, and is the first South Dakotan to serve in that capacity. He was snagged for an interview after the Cowboy Channel interviewed Larry Rhoden. Meade County and rural western South Dakota raise some great leaders because of their strong work ethic, solid foundations and upbringing. In all areas of Meade County we can find talented, intelligent, capable men and women in all fields of life.
Sunday, October 6, there was apot luck dinner after

church in Union Center. It is typically the first Sunday of the month. Following the pot luck there will be a cake and a Meet & Greet for the youngest babies who have arrived. An interesting piece of information is that the state that is giving birth to the most babies per capita is South Dakota!
Pastor Bill Meirose was absent from church on Sunday due to the Vikings Game he attended in Minnesota. He had been looking forward to the game for some time and the results were a big win for the Vikings.
To our prayer warriors: Please pray for rain and for protection against fires.

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From A1 South Africa trip

modations were marvelous. The next leg of our journey took us to Victoria Falls Zimbabwe. Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. It's easy to see why it made the list! We spent several hours touring the falls, we went to a local theater, and we took a dinner cruise down the Zambezi River which took us into the waters of Zambia.

On this cruise, we were able to see a few hippos, but we didn't have any crocodile sightings. The final leg of our tour took us to Cape Town, S.A.

We took a gondola to the top of Table Mountain, which

gave us 360-degree views of the Atlantic Ocean, the island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, and the surrounding mountain ranges. We drove to the Cape of Good Hope, which is the southern most tip of the African Continent, and also where the Indian Ocean and Atlantic Ocean meet.

We saw African Penguins, locally known as "Jack Ass Penguins" because of the noise they make. They truly sound like a donkey or a burro.

Other day trips out of Cape Town included a beach stop, and a trip through wine country.

And, in our last weekend there, the Springbok were playing rugby in Cape Town.

We were invited to another braai and enjoyed meeting more of Lovie's South African friends and cheering on the home team.

Our nearly two-week trip was full of adventure, meeting new friends and trying new things.

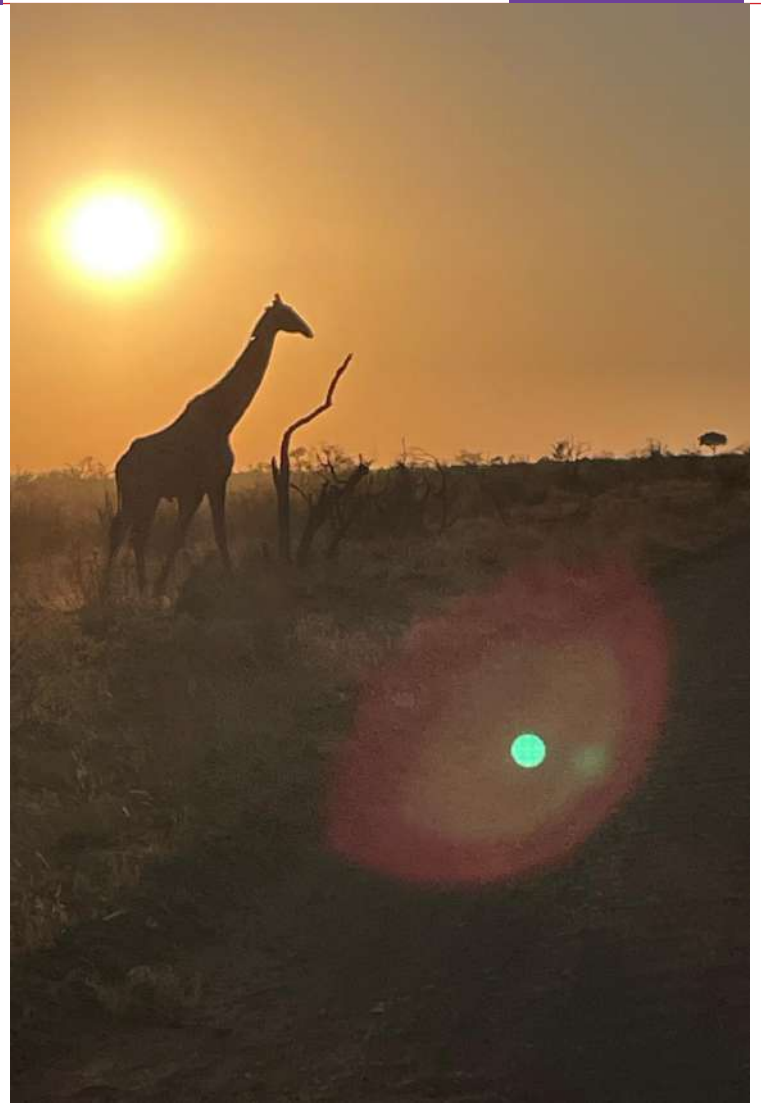
We were adventurous enough to try crocodile, ostrich, and kudu. The group learned quite a few South African words and phrases.

We were so impressed by how well the people of South Africa and Zimbabwe treated us.

We wished we wouldn't have waited 43 years to visit Lovie and her beautiful country of South Africa, but we are forever changed that we did. South Africa is Lekker!



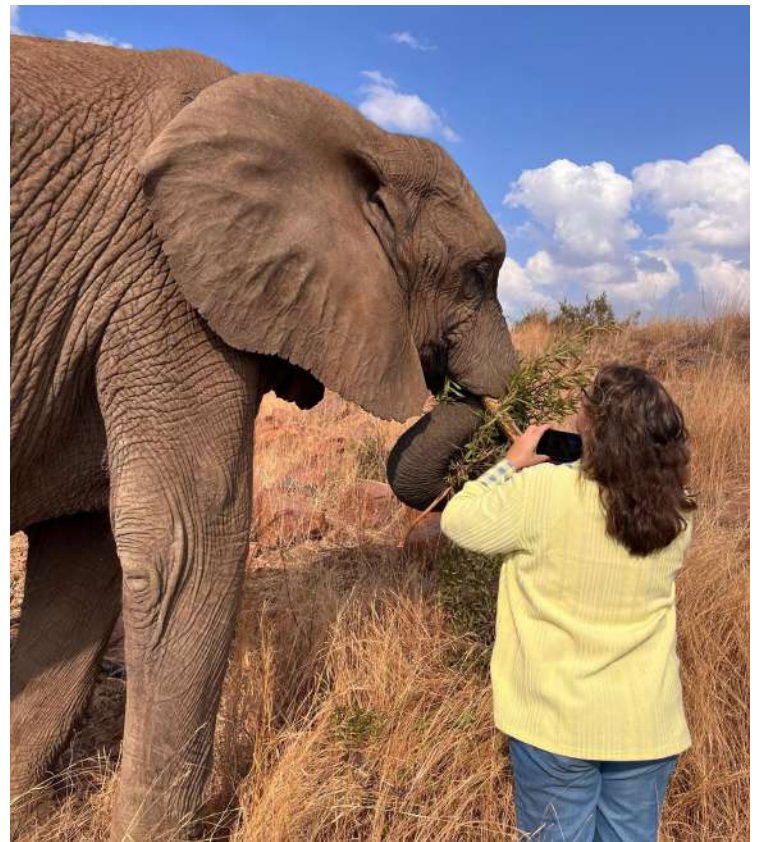
At **Glen Afric** left to right **Lorri Riley, VaLynn Mednansky, Misti Wahl, Michelle Parsons, & Michelle Watson.** Courtesy Photos



Sunset in South Africa



On safari with our Ranger, Elliot



Glen Afric - Michelle Parsons Loving on an Elepant named Three



Picture of the Americans taken at **Cape Point**, the southern most tip of South Africa where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet



We saw three different Pride of lions on safari



Close ups with the "Jackass Penguins at **Cape of Good Hope.** (Center) View of **Victoria Falls Zimbabwe**



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- 16 Instrument (sul.)
- 17 Jap. vegetable
- 18 The real thing
- 20 Same (Lat.)
- 22 Egypt language
- 24 Babism founder
- 25 Lace's tip
- 26 Sea green
- 30 Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (abbr.)
- 31 New flower
- 32 Woman: obs
- 33 Breed of dog
- 36 Sour milk drink
- 38 Before common era (abbr.)
- 39 Fr. historical

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- 1 Equal (pref.)
- 2 Delaware (abbr.)
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- 5 Medieval sword
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- 7 Kwa language

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 9 Caked deposit
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- 11 Gingerbread
- 19 Citizen (abbr.)
- 21 Amer. Basketball Assn. (abbr.)
- 22 Inclination
- 23 Molding
- 24 Sleeping location
- 26 Dog
- 27 Jaunty
- 28 Buddhist sacred mountain
- 29 Haw goose
- 31 Insect
- 34 Slugger's stat
- 35 Son of Daedalus
- 36 Delay
- 37 Though (2 words)
- 39 Wife of Abraham
- 40 Indo-Chin. language
- 41 Irish writing
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- 48 Chief Warrant Officer (abbr.)
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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

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

"TB TA VJBXE XFATXQ BV JTLGB JVQ VEX'A RQTEKTROXA BGFE BV OTMX HR BV BGXY."

— FSOFT X. ABXMXEAVE

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "What was once thought can never be unthought" — Carl J. Friedrich

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	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2024	30 Swiss Steak Parsley Noodles Mixed Veggies	1 Chicken Pot Pie Potato O'Brian Garden Salad Dinner Roll	2 Roast Pork Loin Dressing Veggie Medley	3 Broccoli & Cheese Stuffed Chicken Buttered Noodles Broccoli	4 Meatloaf White Rice Medley Green Beans
OCTOBER	7 Pork Enchilada Spanish Rice Mexican Street Corn Sopapilla	8 Baked Chicken Roasted Potato Creamed Spinach	9 Spaghetti & Meatballs Garlic Breadstick Veggie Medley	10 Pork Roast Parsley Noodles Green Beans	11 Shredded Chicken on a Bun Roasted Carrots Roasted Potatoes
	14 Baked Ham Sweet Potato Broccoli	15 Salisbury Steak Rice Pilaf Roasted Carrots	16 Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice Veggie Medley	17 Oven Baked Porkchop Parsley Noodles Green Beans	18 Tator Tot Casserole Mixed Veggies
	21 Sausage & Rice Veggie Medley Garden Salad	22 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes with Country Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll	23 Chicken Alfredo Noodles Broccoli	24 Pulled Pork Sandwich Cole Slaw Potato Salad	25 Taco Salad Tortilla Chips Spanish Rice Sopapilla
		29 Kielbasa Peppers & Onions Wild Rice	30 Pamesian Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans	31 "Spooky" Swiss Steak Parsley Noodles Mixed Veggies Dinner Rolls	
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NHS Homecoming Royalty



Hailey McCann and Jamin Davidson were crowned Queen and King of Newell's Homecoming celebration. Coronation took place September 30 in Austin Auditorium. They continued to reign for the entire week of Homecoming. Photo by Betty Bruner

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NEWELL-Nearly every student at Newell School from kindergarten to high school joined in the Homecoming festivities of the week. The week started off with "Beach/Water Safety Day and the crowning of Homecoming Queen and King.

Tuesday was designated Tacky Tourist Day with many students dressing up with colorful shirts, shorts and sandals with socks.

Left: Maxon Dell, Scepter Bearer, and Maren Muckridge, Crown Bearer, were honored to be part of the Homecoming Royalty.

They are standing in front of the traditional burning of the "N" following the coronation.

Photos by Betty Bruner

Wednesday was Future Job Day. It was interesting to see how many of the elementary students interpreted what a future teacher looked like-glasses, hair in buns, beads, and a studious look. Some students dressed like law enforcement while others were the criminals. What a look into the future! One elementary student was going to be a Paleontologist-he loves to dig things up!

Thursday was Rags to Riches Day. Most of the girls were rich and the guys were poor. Maybe that says

something.

Friday was Maroon and White Day! A day to celebrate being an Irrigator!

Friday also was the day to have a Pep Rally, Parade, Chili Cook-off, and Pie Sales.

Saturday was Irrigator Pride Day with a Tail Gate Party put on by the Irrigator Booster Club, followed by the Homecoming Game. It was a cool night, but the fans were excited to watch the Gators play. Although the game was a lost, it was good to see the Gators on the football field.



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Grand River Roundup



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It really cooled off this week with low temperatures of 24 degrees Tuesday morning and 28 degrees Sunday morning. I hope everyone that had tomato plants around here had them covered so they didn't freeze. I guess having all my tomato plants die as quick as I planted them saved me from having that job, so I guess there's a good side to everything.

Reub took our black pickup up to Laufer's in Hettinger on Monday to get it fixed and I followed him with the red pickup we bought from Terry Lien. We went down to get some stuff from White Drug and Terry saw us there and gave us the extra key he had for the red pickup. We saw our daughter-in-law in town and Alaina told us that

she was headed to Scranton to watch Ellarie and Irelyn play basketball against Lemmon so we headed over that way too. Irelyn is in the 4th grade and her team played first and the Night Hawks beat the Lemmon Cowboys. The 5th grade played next. Ellarie is in the 6th grade and her team also beat Lemmon, so it was a good afternoon for us old folks. I sat with Alaina, Acalia, Dathan, and Alaina's mother, Polly Markgard. Reub sat with Harry Kerr so they had a good visit too.

I've had a lot of people ask me how to vote on the seven ballot issues in November and I'm going to vote with the Concerned Citizens of South Dakota. This is what they posted: The 2024 Election in South Dakota has a number of ballot items besides candidates. We'll cover each one in our video,

but at the end of the day, all you need to remember is "Vote YES on F and NO on the Rest!"

Casey and Taz went up to the Hackamore Wednesday morning to help Doug and Clint Doll work cattle and Casey hauled hay after they got home. Reub worked on the raised bed gardens that day. Taz had a school board meeting that afternoon and Amanda went with him for volleyball practice. They left the twins and River Lu with Grandma Missy and I had the pleasure of picking Copper and Knox up at Paige Parmely's after school so they could stay with Grandma Missy too. Pastor Henry Mohagen and Bill Holt got home from Alaska Wednesday evening after being up there with a group working on the FLAPS hanger and airplanes.

at the Holland Center Church west of Lodgepole. Gladys and her late husband Jim Vliem were wonderful friends and I miss Jim every time something breaks down here, because all I had to do was call Jim and he would come over and fix everything for me.

I did chores after we got home from Gladys' funeral and then Reub and I went down to the Reva Hall for the Sorum/Reva Fire Dept. pancake supper Saturday evening. A large crowd of people showed up to support the fire department that fights all the fires around here and saves a lot of people, animals, buildings and pastures. It was a really fun evening to share with our friends and neighbors.

Pastor Henry Mohagen and Bill Holt shared videos and pictures of their trip to Alaska with us in church Sunday Morning. They and the other guys that went flew up there with them got a lot done at the FLAPS hanger and working on the airplanes. Thank God for handy people like them.

I'll leave you with these "Puns for Educated Minds":

*I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

*A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

*I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

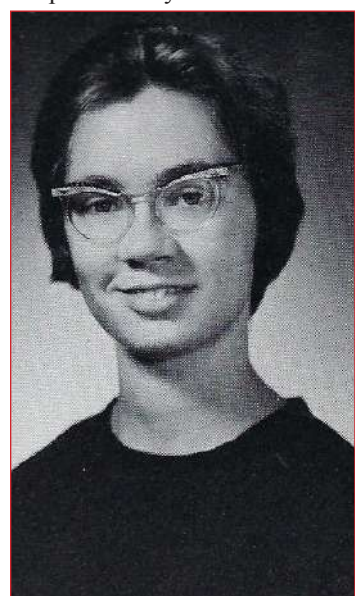
Then and Now in Newell

"Looking Forward to our Past"

October 8, 1914

On Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10, there will be a first-class picture show at the Theatorium. A big dance Saturday night after the show, come and enjoy yourself. Music by the Nisland Orchestra 9:30 until morning, supper at midnight.

President Wilson favors the purchase by the Govern-



2. Mildred Hurley 1964 National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist also Degree of Honor. What an honor. Newell Museum

ment of Monticello, the former home of Thomas Jefferson. This fact became known today. He did not, however, commit himself to the suggestions made by the present owner, Representative Larky of New York, that Monticello be used as the summer home for the Presidents of the United States.

The 8th and 9th grade pupils of Sulphur School have ordered a basketball and expect to organize a team. The teams around the area will soon be receiving challenges.

The Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News Agency gives a report that 800 German troops are suffering from typhoid between Brussels and Antwerp. The American hospital ship Red Cross arrived at Pauillac this morning and disembarked the units that are to serve with the French Army

October 2, 1924

A new pupil Ellen Yoder enrolled in the Horse Creek School last week. They also lost a very faithful student and their Secretary of the Young Citizen's League by Shipley's moving to Belle Fourche where Herman will enter school. May he be as well liked by his schoolmates and do such excellent work as he did here, the school offers best wishes at his new school.

Mr. & Mrs. Harding from near Deadwood, were through

the Horse Creek section last week enjoying an outing by the auto route, enjoying the fall foliage Mr. Harding has not visited that part of the state for 42 years and found a great many changes in that length of time.

The South Dakota Highway Department decided to turn over the Federal Government 2 miles of gumbo road on which the government will make test of mixing cement and lime with pulverized dry gumbo as a surfacing for this type of highway. Work will be started shortly. The Federal Government has appropriated \$10,000 for making tests of this kind and the work in West River will be done entirely at the expense of the Federal Government.

Circuit Court was in session at Belle Fourche last week on the regular motion day. The following final Citizenship papers were granted to: Ralph D. and Anna B. Nicholson of Hoover; Ole Thornburg of Belle Fourche; Galena E. Bekken of Zeona and Anton Frank of Nisland. Also, in the case of Iver Anderson vs Empire School District No 13, the School Board was ordered to make arrangements to transport pupils to school.

October 11, 1934

Prowlers in the house don't scare George Beck, 8-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. Kraig Beck. Finding someone plundering the family larder in the house when he returned from play, George picked up a butcher knife and chased him away. What's more, the youngster made him give back a \$1. bill which had been laying on the kitchen cupboard. The visitor beat such a complete retreat that officials have not located him.

A radio was installed in the

by Linda Velder

school gymnasium last week for the benefit of those who were interested in the World's Series Baseball Game. Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Erickson and Mr. & Mrs. W. Anderson visited Chicago and Detroit. They spent 5 days at the World's Fair and then went on to Detroit where they saw the first 2 games of the World's Series between Detroit and St. Louis.

William and Alma Schipke attended the football game in Rapid City Friday evening. They brought Henry, Jr and Miss Bonnie Walsh back with them for the weekend. The Newell football team successfully defeated the Rapid City second team by a score of 14 to 7. Donald Soma, a speedy little player, got the ball and ran around the end of Rapid City's line of defense. He made the extra points kick. The team will be going to Sundance, Wyoming for a game with the Sundance boys on Friday night.

October 5, 1944

A tanker named for the Black Hills of South Dakota, was launched last Thursday at Swan Island, Portland, Oregon according to word received here from Mrs. Gerald Major, a former resident. Scores of South Dakotans at Swan Island have a personal interest in the tanker (SS Black Hills), named for the famous Black Hills of their home state. In peacetime the Black Hills ranks as one of the nation's most popular tourist meccas.

Supt D. J. McFarland is now greeting patrons in the new REA office, established in the Muotka Building on Main Street. New furnishings and fresh paint provide a bright and pleasant quarters, with ample space in the front room for display of electric fixtures and

B.E.C. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL



Butte Electric (REA) Service Truck, 1949. Right to left: Joe Whalen and Donald Dahlbergs. Newell Museum

Reub and I went to his brother Doug and Fern Olson's auction sale on Redig Road on Thursday and we got to visit with a lot of friends and relatives from both sides of our family. Everything sold pretty well and all of Doug and Fern's kids and their families were there so we got to visit with them a lot too. After we got back to the ranch Thad came over late that afternoon and brought us a huge load of wood he had cut up for us to use in our woodstove after it gets colder. I burn a lot of wood every winter and that's a great gift!

Casey and Taz went over to the Hackamore Friday morning to help Doug and Clint work calves and they took Copper, Knox and River along to play with Beau and Hannah. Sounds like they really had fun! These guys weaned the calves Saturday morning and Jeremy Stadheim, Clint Doll, Ron and Jace Jensen, and Bill Holt came to help them gather the calves at Glendo in that nasty 50mph wind and haul the calves over here to put them in the feedlot up at the old place. The calves sing us to sleep every night bawling for their mamas.

Reub and I left here for Gladys (VanWyk) Vliem's funeral just as they were hauling the calves home and we met a lot of them hauling home the calves on the road to the highway. A huge crowd gathered to say goodbye to Gladys and we got to visit with a lot of friends over lunch after the funeral

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utilities. A new garage building has been erected at the rear of the main building. The front of the building will be receiving new paint in a few days. The Butte Electric System now comprises 200 miles of line in Butte, Lawrence and Meade Counties, serving upwards of 300 customers. Further extensions of the service lines are planned as soon as the necessary equipment is available.

A.T. (Bert) Lyons was appointed as City Police Officer, his duties to include caretaker of City Hall. He was instructed by the board to give particular attention to the proper observance of street traffic rules and parking regulations. Also, it was suggested that a few arrests and fines for indiscriminate bottle smashing on the streets might have a sensory effect on the smart-alecs who have so little consideration for other peoples' rights.

October 7, 1954

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Eichler, of Newell are the new owners of the Castle Rock Store and Post Office. They recently purchased the business from Jerry Harman and took possession last week. Mrs. Harman plans are indefinite at the present time.

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Swan are the happy parents of a 7½ pound son born Monday at the Sturgis Community Hospital. He has been named Thomas Henry.

At least 10 members of the Class of '30 are expected for the pep rally and traditional burning of the "N" to kick off homecoming activities tonight. Also, a reunion supper following at the Coffee Bar Café, it was reported by Mrs. Howard Tennis one of the groups re-gatherings. Guests of the Class at the supper will be Supt. & Mrs. G. W. Austin and Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Johnson being advisor to the former graduating class and Johnson one of the instructors at the time.

October 1, 1964

Marker poles will be installed during the next few weeks to identify the location of under-ground cable linking the Air force Minuteman ICBM launch sites in western South Dakota, which are part of the 44th Strategic Missile Wing at

Ellsworth Air Force Base. The Boeing Company will install about 3,300 markers along the cable route, the entire job would be completed by late fall. Marking of the electronic cable lines is a requirement of the Strategic Air Command, which operates the 150 missiles centered at EAFB.

Mildred Hurley, Newell High School Senior and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Burton Hurley of Newell was among 14,000 semi-finalists named last week in the National Competition for Merit Scholarships. Miss Hurley, who took the scholarship test last year while attending Belle Fourche High School, now advances a step closer to receiving a 4-year Merit Scholarship to the college of her choice. The semi-finalist must substantiate their qualifying test performance on a second examination, be endorsed by their schools and fulfill certain routine requirements to become a finalist. Forty-five finalists were chosen in South Dakota this year.

Highway Safety Director Don Rounds urged motorists to make sure they dim their lights when meeting and following another vehicle. Because we do more and more night driving, car owners are using outside mirrors. When somebody failed to dim their lights when following a car equipped only with an inside mirror, it was a simple matter to turn the mirror, so the lights did not shine in the driver's eyes. But now it's impossible to move the outside mirrors and the glare of headlights is extremely dangerous, especially when the car is equipped with 2 outside mirrors.

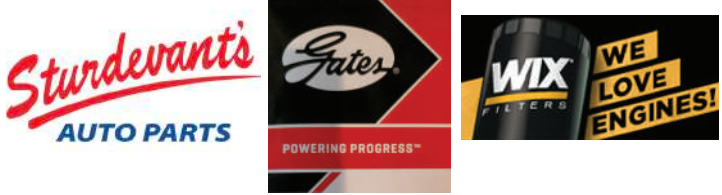
Pat Long, Newell High School Junior, and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Long of Newell was named 1964 Vale Sugar Queen at the Annual Sugar Queen Dance held at the Community Hall there Saturday night. Over 500 persons attended the event, at which officials of the Community Club extended their thanks and congratulations to the 3 girls who participated as queen candidates. Miss Long sold 250 tickets to earn the royal honor, 2nd place Dorothy Stark daughter of Mr. & Mrs., Solly Stark of Nisland and 3rd to Arlene MacKrell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George MacKrell of Vale.

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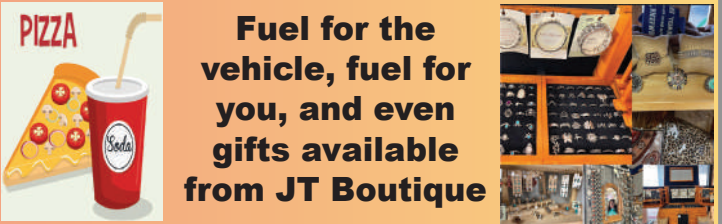
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Homecoming 2024



Here's What's Happening in Newell!

Fire Prevention Week-Oct. 6-12

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Bike Rodeo, Don't Thump Your Melon

MSVB vs STM in Newell, 4:30 pm

HSVB vs Dupree in Newell, 5 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 9

National Walk, Ride, and Roll Day

Bingo, Vale Community Hall, 6 pm

Friday, Oct. 11

HSVB Community Cleanup, 8 am

Saturday Mornings

Farmer's Market

8-1, South Park, until frost

Wednesday

Story Time with Patty

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OCTOBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept. 30) French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Oct. 1) Turkey Wraps, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	2) Pancakes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	3) Scrambled Eggs & Sausage, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk	4) Dutch Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk
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			

OCTOBER	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY 7	Egg Patties Oatmeal Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Bread Sticks Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
TUESDAY 8	Breakfast Egg Rolls Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Tangerine Chicken Brown Rice, Asian Veggies Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
WEDNESDAY 9	Yogurt Parfait Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Cubano Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
THURSDAY 10	Hashbrown Eggs Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Chicken Patties Broccoli Fruit, Fresh Veggies Milk
FRIDAY 11	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

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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



Homecoming 2024



Top: First Place Chili Cook-off Winner, Gwen Kitzan, received the most votes during the First Annual Cook-off with her Lamb Chili.

Center: Sammi Hansen received Second Place with her delicious White Chili.

Below: Evelyn Ahart tasted (and enjoyed) every bite of chili.

Below: Young and "old" had to have a taste of the 11 chilis available at the First Annual Chili Cook-off held on Homecoming Friday. There was a pot of homemade chicken noodle soup and sandwiches to round off the meal.

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Above-Keep on Truckin' Seniors show how it's done at the Pep Rally.
Right: King Jamin and Queen Hailey did their best to win one of the games at the Pep Rally.
Below: The Irrigators line up.

Photos by Betty Bruner

Watch for more Homecoming photos next week!

