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## Johnsons purchase Faith and Bison weekly newspapers



**Business as usual ... during the ownership transition of The Bison Courier. New owners Russel and Krissy Johnson pictured with Bison team member Arlis Seim.**

*Courtesy photo*

Ravellette Publications, Inc. announces the sale of The Bison Courier and The Faith Independent to Krissy Stocklin-Johnson and her husband, Russel Johnson. The Johnsons' first issues will be the week of September 2, 2024. Ravellette Publications, Inc. with the corporate office in Philip, SD also publishes the Pennington County Courant, Wall, SD; The Murdo Coyote, Murdo, SD; and The Pioneer Review in Philip. They also publish a nine-county advertiser, The Profit.

Ravellette Publications, Inc. purchased the Faith Independent from John and Linda Hipps, in 1997, and in 1999 they purchased the Bison Courier from Glenn and Della Wishard.

Krissy Stocklin-Johnson has been employed at the Faith Independent since 2017 and brings a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to these two newspapers. "We will keep things rolling along like we have in the past," said Krissy Stocklin-

Johnson. "I am very pleased that Arlis Seim will continue to be a part of this team, and in the same capacity that she has been," said Johnson.

"We are so thankful for our dedicated employees over the years that have helped build these strong community newspapers in Bison and Faith," said Don Ravellette, publisher. "Krissy and her team will be very good for both communities."

"We are proud to take ownership of The Bison Courier and The Faith Independent. We believe community newspapers are a vital part of life out here on the prairie. Being part of reporting the news, covering community happenings and ensuring future generations have access to local history is very important to us," shared the Johnsons.

We look forward to continuing to work with community members, schools, cities and counties in our areas. We appreciate all of your support in the past and into the future.

## Coal Springs Threshing Bee a month away



**A good crew was on hand to help shock the wheat bundles. Left to right was Teigan Clark, Wade Hofer, Evan Lopez, Josh Hunt, Kimber Clark, Trig Clark, Alan Johnson, Brad Hatle and Brian Flatmoe.**

Preparations are well under way to get ready for the 26th annual Coal Springs Threshing Bee and Antique Show. This year's show will be held September 27-29th at the showgrounds just south of the Meadow corner on SD highway 73. The club would like to invite everyone to the show for the weekend. Allis Chalmers is the featured tractor manufacturer, but all tractors are welcome. So bring your antique tractors to the threshing bee this year. Remember, just because you still use it, doesn't mean it's not antique.

Our speaker for Friday night's program is Jack Bickel who will be talking about the history of coal mining in the Firesteel area. This starts at 7:00 pm, but come early for our appreciation supper. Saturday evening after the auction David Paul from Mud Butte will provide our gospel music night entertainment. The Sunday morning church service will feature Clay Conry from Maurine with a message from God's word.

We would also like to note there is a car show at the show on Saturday starting at 10:00, so bring your classic or favorite car

to show off. And for you quilters, there will be a quilt show all weekend in the addition that was completed last year, so bring your quilts to display.

For a full schedule of events check out our ad in a future

edition of this paper. Hope to see you at the Coal Springs Threshing Bee and Antique Show September 27-29th. If you have any questions, call Wade Hofer at 605-788-2854 or Brian Flatmoe at 605-788-2881.



**Brian Flatmoe and Wade Hofer work on getting the twine to feed properly on the International Binder. Mice had chewed through the twine in several places.**

## Highlights & Happenings

**BABY SHOWER for Julianna Zittleman!!** Please join us Sunday, September 15th at 11:00 am at the Kokomo Gallery, Lemmon, SD. Registered at Target and Amazon.

Fridge Door Notes & Reminders

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Area Veterans can contact Bridget Keller, the Veteran Service Officer regarding a wide range of veteran’s issues including pension and compensation claims, education benefits and VA health-care. The Perkins County Veterans Service Officer can be contacted in BISON Mondays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 605-244-7299 or 701-471-8453 for appointment or for a home visit. I will be in the office, August 19, 26 from 8 - 5; Call 605-244-7299 or 701-471-8453 for appointment or for a home visit.



The Bison Community Food Pantry will be open the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2 - 4 p.m. ANYONE in need of food is welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting weekly in Hettinger. The group meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Assembly of God Church. Everyone is welcome, for information call 605-490-4128.

To have your NON-PROFIT meeting listed here, please submit them by calling: 244-7199, or e-mailing to: [courier@sdplains.com](mailto:courier@sdplains.com). We will run your event notice the two issues prior to your event at no charge.

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NUTRITION  
SITE  
MENU

Thursday, Aug 29  
Chicken enchiladas  
Spanish rice, corn, pears

Friday, Aug 30  
Supreme pizza, garlic bread  
California vegetables  
Mandarin oranges

Monday, September 2

Tuesday, September 3

Wednesday, September 4

Menu is subject to change without notice

School Lunch  
Menu

Monday, September 2  
Breakfast  
NO SCHOOL  
fruit & milk  
Lunch  
NO SCHOOL  
salad bar, fruit & milk

Tuesday, September 3  
Breakfast  
Breakfast sandwich  
Lunch  
Ham, mac & cheese  
salad bar, fruit & milk

Wednesday, September 4  
Breakfast  
Long john  
Lunch  
Breakfast  
salad bar, fruit & milk

Thursday, September 5  
Breakfast  
Muffin  
fruit & milk  
Lunch  
Nachos  
salad bar, fruit & milk

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Lifeline: Affordable Telephone Service for Income-Eligible Consumers

Lifeline is the FCC’s program to help make communications service more affordable for low-income consumers. Lifeline provides subscribers a discount on monthly telephone and/or broadband services purchased from participating providers in the marketplace. The discounts, which can be applied to stand-alone broadband, bundled voice-broadband packages - either fixed or mobile - and stand-alone voice service - will help ensure that low-income consumers can afford 21st-century broadband and the access it provides to jobs, education, and opportunities. The History of Lifeline The FCC established the Lifeline program in 1985 to ensure that qualifying low-income consumers could afford phone service and the opportunities and security it provides. Congress supported and strengthened Lifeline in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, requiring that affordable service and advanced communications be available to low-income consumers across the country. In March of 2016, the FCC modernized Lifeline for advanced services by beginning a transition toward support of broadband service. How Lifeline Works Lifeline provides an eligible customer with broadband internet a discount of up to \$9.25 per month. Eligible voice only subscribers will receive a discount of \$5.25 per month. Subscribers may receive a Lifeline discount on either a wireline or a wireless service but may not receive a discount on both services at the same time. Lifeline also supports broadband-voice bundles. FCC rules prohibit more than one Lifeline service per household. Lifeline is available to eligible low-income subscribers in every state, territory, commonwealth, and on Tribal lands. To participate in the program, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the federal Poverty Guidelines or participate in certain assistance programs. You can see if you are eligible with the Lifeline Eligibility Pre-Screening Tool on the Universal Service Administrative website at <https://www.checklifeline.org/lifeline>. How Do I Qualify? The following is a list of assistance programs that qualify a participant for Lifeline: Medicaid Supplemental Nutrition Assis-

tance Program (Food Stamps or SNAP) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) Veterans Pension or Survivors Benefit Program How Tribal Link Up Works? Tribal Link Up provides eligible low-income consumers living on Tribal lands with a one-time discount of up to \$100 on the initial installation or activation of a wireline or wireless telephone for the primary residence. Tribal Lands Link Up also allows consumers to pay the remaining amount that they owe on a deferred schedule, interest-free. Federal rules prohibit eligible low-income consumers from receiving more than ONE Link Up discount at a primary residence. Eligible consumers may be eligible for Link Up again only after moving to a new primary residence. Link Up support is only offered to carriers who are building out infrastructure on Tribal lands so not all carriers may discount their activation fee. Enhanced benefits are provided to low-income consumers who live on a federally recognized Indian Tribe’s reservation. Tribal Lifeline takes up to an extra \$25 off your monthly bill, for a total Lifeline discount of up to \$34.25 per month. You can get Tribal Lifeline if you live on Tribal lands. Tribal lands include any federally recognized Indian tribe’s reservation, Pueblo, or colony, including former reservations in Oklahoma, Alaska Native regions, Hawaiian Home Lands, or Indian Allotments. The following is a list of Tribal assistance programs that also qualify a participant for Lifeline: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met) How Do I Sign Up for Lifeline? If you qualify for any of the above programs, you must complete a Lifeline Assistance Application. You can find the application online at [www.wrctc.coop](http://www.wrctc.coop). Submit applications to: USAC Lifeline Support Center P.O. Box 7081 London, KY 40742

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# Rosebud News

Last Tuesday, Bridget Keller and the kids attended back to school night at school.

Kim Stewart, Bismarck, came last Saturday and spent through Monday morning with Kellers.

Friday Keller's went to Shadehill and camped. Ethan and Chiara Taylor and kids and Chiara's sister Lea from Germany came to join them. They all attended the church picnic on Sunday at Merri-man's grove.

Zabrina, Christi, and Jim Miller made a trip to Lemmon Saturday.

Patsy and Jim Miller made a trip to Lemmon Wednesday.

Patsy Miller drove to Bismarck, Friday, where she picked up Bill Robertson. They then traveled to Valley City to attend the funeral of their cousin, Cory Neseth. They returned to Bismarck. Patsy was a Saturday overnight guest of Bill and Donna Robertson.

Jim Miller played pinochle in Hettinger Friday afternoon.

Duane and Dawn Harris and Horace Seim were Saturday afternoon visitors at Tim & JoAnne Seim home.

Last week Tuesday, Lynn Frey made a trip to Bison for the Commissioner's meeting. He watched Cheryl Chapman give a presentation to the commissioners about Western Dakota Regional water.

Last Wednesday, Tony Anderson came out to help Lynn Frey with some repairs.

Lynn Frey visited with Susie Skjoldal at the Spenny home last Thursday morning.

Last Thursday, Lynn Frey attended the visitation for Brenda Evan at the funeral home in Lemmon in the afternoon.

Last Thursday afternoon, Lynn Frey visited with Dean Frey and Jean Dix.

Last Friday morning, Lynn Frey made a trip to Dickinson. In the evening, he played bingo at the Legion in Lemmon.

Last Sunday, Lynn Frey attended the Christ Lutheran Annual Picnic at the Lions Park.

Tuesday, Willard Barnes called on Lynn Frey to do some repair work.

Thursday, Willard Barnes called on Lynn Frey to finish his job.

Friday, Lynn Frey traveled to Hebron. Later, he played bingo in Lemmon at the Legion.

Saturday, Lynn Frey attended the funeral for Ray Akers.

Sunday, Lynn Frey attended worship in Bison in the morning. In the afternoon he traveled to New Leipzig, Elgin, Hebron, Richardton, Mott and Hettinger where he visited Monte Frey and then returned home.

Morell Hirning and Tiss Johnson were among those who attended the graveside services at the Veteran's cemetery in Mandan for Verlin Pekas last Monday.

Morell Hirning, Tiss Johnson, and Clarence Roth Jr. drove to Medora last Wednesday. They had supper in Belfield on their way home.

Tiss Johnson visited with Mike and Paula Greff last Friday.

Morell Hirning and Tiss Johnson were among those who attended the 60th wedding anniversary for LeRoy and Ramona Weikam at Lake Tschida welcome center last Saturday afternoon.

Tiss Johnson and Morell Hirning went out to supper in last Elgin Saturday evening.

Tiss Johnson spent Monday in Lemmon.

Morell Hirning and Tiss Johnson attended the funeral of Oscar Klein in Mott Tuesday morning, they then traveled to Mandan and attended the graveside Military honors service at the Veteran's cemetery. In the evening, they went out to supper before returning home.

Morell Hirning and Tiss Johnson were Saturday supper guests of Paul and Judy Wollman at Lake Tschida and helped Paul celebrate his birthday.

Morell Hirning and Tiss Johnson attended the Prairie Fellowship Annual picnic, hosted by Rosebud Lutheran at Merriman's Grove Sunday morning. They then spent time at the south ranch. Later, they were visitors of Gary and Jody Johnson before heading north.

## Prairie Doc Perspective

### “When should I ask about lung cancer screening?”

*Jonathan Rice, MD, PHD*

Lung cancer is the second most common cancer (not counting skin cancer) in both men and women, only behind prostate in men and breast in women. Although it is the second most common, it remains the leading cause of cancer death in America. Approximately 1 in 5 cancer deaths a year are attributed to lung cancer. More Americans die every year of Lung cancer than colon, prostate and breast cancer combined. Lung cancer is considered a silent killer and is often diagnosed at a late stage, when treatment options are limited and survival rates are low. The greatest advancement in the care of lung cancer occurred in the early 2000s after the national lung cancer screening trial, which cemented the knowledge that early detection of lung cancer with low dose CT scans saves lives. Early detection through screening is crucial in improving outcomes for individuals at high risk of developing lung cancer.

Early stage lung cancer, when survivability is more favorable, is usually asymptomatic. In the early 2000s during the national lung cancer screening trial, this trial showed that in high risk individuals who obtained yearly CT scans improved their overall survivability due to the increased detection of earlier, more treatable stages of lung cancer. This trial showed that yearly low-dose computed tomography (CT) scan was the first radiographic test that

consistently allowed early detection of lung cancer in high risk individuals. This early detection ultimately increased survivability due to earlier intervention of lung cancer at an earlier stage, prior to the lung cancer spreading to other places in the body.

Who is considered high risk and is eligible for lung cancer screening? Currently, the US Preventive Services Task Force recommends annual lung cancer screening with low-dose CT scan for any individual who is a current or previous smoker (who stopped smoking within the last 15 years) between the age of 50 to 80, and has a 20 pack year of smoking. A pack-year is calculated by multiplying the number of packs of cigarettes smoked per day by the number of years smoked. So if an individual smokes 2 packs of cigarettes a day, every year that individual has accumulated 2 pack years of smoking. Individuals who fall into this high-risk category should discuss lung cancer screening with a yearly low dose CT scan with their healthcare provider

Early detection through screening allows detection of lung cancer at an earlier stage and survivability of lung cancer is drastically higher when intervention occurs at an earlier stage. Studies have shown that individuals diagnosed with lung cancer at an earlier stage have a much higher chance of survival compared to those diagnosed at a later stage. Secondly, lung cancer

screening with CT scan allows for detection of asymptomatic lung nodules or growths in the lungs that cannot be seen with chest X-ray. Finding these nodules early can allow for monitoring or treatment with surgery or radiation before they become more advanced and treatment options become more limited.

Lung cancer screening utilizes low-dose CT scans to take detailed images of the lungs and surrounding structures inside of the chest. These images can detect small lung nodules or abnormalities that may be early signs of lung cancer. If a suspicious nodule is found, a referral to a thoracic surgeon should occur where further testing such as a PET scan or biopsy may be recommended to determine if it is cancerous. It is important to note that not all nodules detected through screening are cancerous, and additional testing or monitoring with serial images may be needed to determine the nature of the nodule.

Lung cancer screening is an important tool in the fight against lung cancer, especially for individuals at high risk. Early detection through screening leads to earlier intervention and this increases the odds of survivability. If you or someone you know are a current or former smoker, it is important to discuss screening with low dose CT scan with your healthcare provider. Remember, early detection saves lives.

### Public Notices

### Protect Your Right to Know!

### College Students: Keep connected to home with a subscription to your local newspaper!!

First year or graduate student ... college-bound students love getting news from home!!

It's Almost Back-to-College Time ... Are you ready for another semester of hard work and fun? Use these helpful tips to make the most of the coming school year, whether it's your first or last!

- Don't schedule classes back-to-back. You won't be rushed, and you'll have time after class to study.
- Get involved! If you didn't last year, play a sport, join a club, or start one of your own.
- Have fun! A balance between work and play is the key to a good year.
- Take breaks while studying - 10 minutes for every hour is sufficient. Also, study in the daytime as much as possible.
- Make and stick with a livable budget. Don't forget to factor in little things like CDs and haircuts.
- Create open communication with your roommate(s) early on. Get to know each other's personal values, habits and expectations.



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## Saturday, August 31st

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## Town & Country news

### Celebration, Celebration

Yes, it is time for the Town and Country CFEL Club to celebrate because this year marks our 70th year Anniversary. The Club began in 1954 and has been going ever since. Isn't that amazing?

When the Club met on August 24 they made some celebration plans. They agreed to wear lanyards showing a medallion to reveal this special event at the State CFEL Meeting. It will be held in Huron on September 20 - 21 with the theme "Christmas in September." Seven members, who plan to attend, look forward to this special time.

Members will also celebrate in Bison by having a celebration supper on September 27 at the TNT Cafe. September is the

month when the Club began.

At their October meeting the Club will decide when the next Bingo will be held. The Club enjoys sponsoring Bingo days in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

Members also celebrated another event at their August 24 meeting hosted by Myrna Jackson. It was her birthday! Members enjoyed a fresh angel food cake baked by Myrna garnished with strawberries and whipped cream. What a way to celebrate!

For a program Myrna talked about wool from sheep and showed some pictures of wool and sheep.

Teddi Carlson, Secretary

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## Church Services Directory

### Grace Bible Fellowship • Pastor Phil Hahn

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Church of Christ

12 mi. south of Prairie City - Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

### Prairie Fellowship Parish ELCA

Indian Creek - Sunday 8:00 a.m. • American - Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Rosebud - Sunday 11:00 a.m.

### Christ Lutheran Church WELS • Pastor James Schmeling

Sunday School 8:00 a.m. • Bible Class 8:00 a.m. • Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.

### Coal Springs Community Church

South Jct. of Highways 73 & 20

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m., Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

### Seventh Day Adventist Church

Sabbath School - 2:00 p.m., Worship Service - 3:00 p.m.

### Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church • Fr. Bryan Sorensen

St. Isidore @ Ralph - Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament @ Bison - Sunday 8:00 a.m.

St. Anthony @ Buffalo - Sunday 11:00 a.m.

### Holland Center Christian Reformed Church

Pastor Brad Burkhalter • Lodgepole

Worship Service - 8:00 a.m.

### First Presbyterian Church

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

### Slim Buttes Lutheran • Pastor Henry Mohagen

Reva • Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.

Communion 1st Sunday of the month • WMF 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

### Beckman Wesleyan Church • Pastor Brad Burkhalter

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Vesper Service - 6:00 p.m., Wed. Evenings - 7:30 p.m.

### Dakota Life Christian Center • Pastor Terri Dutton Blanchett

Newell, South Dakota

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Children's service for ages 3 - 16

## Obituary

### Raymond Akers



Raymond O. Akers, 66, of Lodgepole, South Dakota, passed away on August 18, 2024 at West River Health Services in Hettinger, North Dakota.

Funeral services for Raymond were held at 1:00 pm on August 24, 2024 at Grace Bible Fellowship in Bison with Pastor Phil Hahn, officiating. Burial followed at the Bison Cemetery.

Visitation was from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23, at Grace Bible Fellowship in Bison. A family service was held at 10:00 am on Saturday morning at Grace Bible Fellowship in Bison and visitation continued until the time of the service on Saturday.

Raymond Ollie Akers was born in Hettinger, ND to Ollie and Grace (Nash) Akers on September 18, 1957. He grew up on the family farm in Cash township, south of Lodgepole, SD. Raymond attended Cash Country School through the eighth grade, then went to Bison High School where he graduated in 1976.

Raymond married Jean Seidel in a blizzard on December 24, 1977. They then returned to Arkansas where he had been working as a surveyor at the time. In February of 1978, they moved back to South Dakota to assist his dad with the family farm. The couple had two children: Kristina, in 1980, and Deana, in 1983. Raymond eventually took over the family farm.

Raymond joined Grace Baptist

Church on December 3, 1978. Through the years he served many positions such as trustee, treasurer, and most recently deacon. He had a very strong faith and trusted everything to God in the midst of many trials through the years. Most recently, his greatest trial was when he was diagnosed with esophageal adenocarcinoma cancer in November of 2023. Raymond witnessed to hospital staff, other cancer patients during his treatments, and strangers by praying with them. He planted many seeds for Christ. With his continuing struggle with cancer, you could most likely find him listening to the Bible to help him find peace.

Through the years Raymond also served on the Cash Township Board and the Grand River Grazing Association Board.

Raymond was a jack-of-all-

trades. He wore many hats, not just a farmer or rancher. He was also a mechanic, welder, carpenter, electrician, plumber and much more. His favorite role was being a father and, most of all, a grandpa. He spent many hours listening, playing, and sitting with his grandchildren. His favorite memories with them were frog hunting and fishing. The love between him and his grandkids could be seen by everyone around.

Raymond is survived by his wife, of almost 47 years, Jean; children, Kristina Akers and Deana Timroth; grandchildren, Jaylen and Stephanie Timroth, all of Lodgepole, SD; one brother, David (Kathy) Akers; in-laws, Julie (Jerry) Crockford; Jane Larson; Jim (Sally) Seidel; Joyce Jonasson; Jerry (Jennie) Seidel; Jocelyn (Roger) Richardson; Jessie (David) Christie; Jeaneane (Kevin) Heinke; Jo Renae (Harlan) Begeman; Justin (Tamara) Seidel; Juell (Renee) Seidel; and Jay Seidel; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Raymond is preceded in death by his parents, Ollie and Grace Akers; his son-in-law, Stephen Timroth; father and mother-in-law, Peter and Flora Seidel; and brothers-in-law, Basil Larson and Albert Jonasson.

Condolences to Raymond's family can be sent through our website at [www.evansonjensen-funeralhome.com](http://www.evansonjensen-funeralhome.com)

**Richard Smith**, age 67, of Shadehill, SD, passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at the St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck, ND.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held in September at the ranch south of Shadehill.



## Pastor's Perspective

### Pastor Phil Hahn

#### REVIVAL--WHAT IS IT?--IS IT FOR YOU?

God is in the business of reviving people. He always has been and is continuing to revive people today. From the day Adam made his choice to sin (disobey God) to this day, God has been reviving people. That original sin means we all have a need for redemption and daily sin causes us to need revival. Redemption frees us from the penalty of sin (hell) and revival frees us from the power sin has in our daily lives.

The dictionary defines revival as the act of being revived. To be revived is defined as being restored, refreshed, or brought back to life. Do you feel the need to be restored, refreshed, or brought back to life? If you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and you are struggling in your daily life, then revival is for you! Redemption happens when a person realizes their need and responds to God's call, "Come unto me." Revival comes to a believer when they are fully surrendered to the author of revival, the Great Reviver, God Himself. He said in Isaiah 57:15, "I will revive the spirit of the lowly; I will revive the heart of the contrite."

Revival is not just some emotional thing or feeling. Revival is real because God is real! Revival is sure because God is sure! Revival is good because God is good! Revival comes by personal choice. You can't be revived unless you choose to allow God to revive you. God uses His Word and His people to bring about revival. God's truth, the Bible, confronts us and shows us our need for revival. The Psalmist says, "Revive us according to your Word."

There is no need to fear revival. Don't run from it. Instead pursue it, seek it, run to it, run to God! Join many others in saying, "Lord, revive us again and again and again!"

# Back to school can mean the return of lice

The start of a new school year often means shopping for supplies, making new friends and getting acclimated to the teaching styles of new teachers. Unfortunately, a new school year also can mean head lice.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there is no precise data regarding how many people get head lice each year. However, an estimated six to 12 million infestations occur each year in the United States among children between the ages of three and 11.

What is head lice?

The Minnesota Department of Health says a head louse is an insect that can infest people. Lice make their homes in human hair and feed on blood. Head lice multiply rapidly by laying small, gray-colored, oval-shaped eggs known as nits. The nits are sticky and attach to the base of the hair close to the scalp. Unlike other blood-sucking insects, such as mosquitoes or ticks, head lice are not known to spread disease.

Who gets head lice?

Head lice do not discriminate when they choose a person. They are equal opportunity feeders and will hop on just about any scalp for a meal. Head lice are not indicative of a lack of hygiene.

The CDC says infestation with head lice is most common among preschool- and elementary school-aged children and members of their household, including caretakers.

What are the signs of head lice?

Itching is the most common symptom of head lice, says the Mayo Clinic. A louse bite causes an allergic reaction. Itchiness

may occur on the scalp, neck and ears. During visual inspections of the hair and scalp, one may be able to see lice and nits. However, both the eggs and the lice themselves are very small, so it can be challenging to spot them.

Parents and caregivers who suspect a child has lice should consult with a school nurse or a pediatrician. Studies show that many children are treated for head lice with home remedies or nonprescription medications when they didn't even have lice. Dandruff, residue from hair products, scabs, or even dirt can be mistaken for lice.

How can head lice be prevented?

The most common way to contract head lice is through head-to-head contact. Children should avoid head contact during play and other activities at school and home. Although transmission through shared brushes, combs, towels, hats, and clothing is less common, it is still possible, so sharing of these items should be discouraged.

The CDC says using a hot water cycle in the laundry and the high heat drying cycle can kill head lice on clothing and other items. Seal items that cannot be washed in a plastic bag and store them for two weeks.

Vacuum the floor and furniture to remove any nits or lice that have fallen off the head. Fumigant sprays or fogs, which can be toxic if inhaled, are not necessary to control head lice, indicates the CDC.

A new school year may compel families to think about lice. Although lice is a nuisance, infestations can be treated.

# South Dakota ranks fourth in 2024 grassland conservation enrollments

*By Joshua Haiar*

South Dakota landowners enrolled almost 159,000 acres this year — nearly 250 square miles — into a federal conservation program that pays them to use management practices promoting healthy grasslands.

That ranks the state fourth in Grassland Conservation Reserve Program sign-ups this year, following Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Large grasslands pull carbon dioxide down into the soil, where it doesn't contribute to global warming. Healthy grasslands can also retain moisture and are naturally adapted and resilient to wildfire.

Landowners who enroll must maintain the grassland, not farm it, but sustainable livestock graz-

ing is allowed. Limited hay baling is also permitted. The USDA inspects to ensure enrolled acres are managed to promote plant and animal biodiversity.

In addition to new sign-ups, as of April, about 1,800 South Dakota landowners had ongoing Grassland CRP contracts with the USDA, translating to about 1.48 million acres enrolled with annual rental payments totaling \$23.67 million. The average annual payment per acre is about \$16.

Across all USDA conservation reserve programs, 14,150 South Dakota landowners have contracts with the USDA, encompassing nearly 2.4 million acres. Annual CRP payments in South Dakota — including the grasslands and other CRP programs — total \$137.29 million, with an

average payment per acre of \$57.40.

Nationwide, this year's nearly 1.44 million acres of grassland enrollments brings the total of acres enrolled in all USDA land conservation programs to almost 27 million acres, the department's statutory cap.

Zach Ducheneaux is the administrator for USDA's Farm Service Agency, which oversees the programs. He's also a South Dakota rancher and a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

Ducheneaux said in a statement that the enrollment news "is a testament to the commitments made by the farmers, ranchers and landowners we serve to mitigate the impacts of climate change by conserving, protecting and enhancing our natural resources."

# Health problems linked to mold exposure

Mold is a natural part of the environment and can be found growing just about anywhere that moisture and oxygen are present, advises the Environmental Protection Agency. Mold is a fungus that can be helpful because it breaks down dead organic matter. But mold growth indoors can prove problematic, not only to personal living spaces but to one's health.

When mold grows outdoors in the fresh air, exposure to it can be minimal. However, mold growing indoors can cause concentrated conditions that adversely affect indoor air quality and overall health. The Rhode Island Department of Health says exposure to a large number of mold spores may cause symptoms associated with allergies, such as runny nose, watery eyes, headache, fatigue, and sneezing, among others. Exposure to certain molds, such as *Stachybotrys* and *Aspergillus*, can cause more serious illness because of the mycotoxins these molds produce. Aspergillosis is a fungal lung infection with emerging antimicrobial resistance, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The World Health Organization, the National Academy of Medicine and the National Toxicology Program report that occupants of damp, moldy buildings have an increased risk of respiratory problems. Repeated exposure to mold can lead to asthma, which is a chronic airway disease characterized by inflammation, states the National Institutes of Health. Individuals can experi-

ence shortness of breath and airway obstruction from the overproduction of mucus.

Additional conditions also can be attributed to mold. For example, valley fever is linked to the fungus *Coccidioides*, which lives in soil in some areas of the southwestern United States. Mucormycosis is a severe but rare fungal infection caused by a group of molds known as mucormycetes, says the CDC. It affects the sinuses or the lungs of people with weakened immune systems.

Though some people who come in contact with mold will not develop any adverse symptoms, it is still best to address indoor mold problems promptly. These steps can help.

- Use dehumidifiers in damp

areas, such as basements.

- Ventilate bathrooms, kitchens and laundry areas.
- Fix any leaks in pipes, walls or windows promptly.
- Use mold-resistant paint.
- Make sure that clothes dryers and exhaust fans vent to the outdoors rather than an attic or another room.
- Remove mold with mold-killing products. The CDC says mold can be cleaned from hard surfaces with soap and water or a bleach solution of no more than one cup of household bleach to one gallon of water.

Mold is everywhere in the environment, but prevention of indoor mold growth can help people avoid respiratory issues and other health problems.

## Cinnamon Apples

2 pounds tart baking apples, such as Honeycrisp or Granny Smith (about 6 medium or 4 large)  
tap here  
1/2 cup packed light or dark brown sugar  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
2 tablespoons water  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Peel, core and slice 2 pounds tart apples into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Place in a large bowl. Add 1/2 cup packed brown sugar and 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon. Toss to combine and coat the apple slices. Melt 2 tablespoons unsalted butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the apple mixture cook, stirring often, until the brown sugar begins to melt. Place 2 tablespoons water and 2 teaspoons cornstarch in a small bowl and stir until the cornstarch is dissolved, then pour over the apples. Continue to cook, stirring often, until the apples are tender and the cinnamon sugar coating has thickened slightly, about 8 minutes.  
Remove the pan from the heat. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla extract and stir to combine. Serve warm.



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# Little Pasture on the Prairie

Eliza Blue [elizabluesings@gmail.com](mailto:elizabluesings@gmail.com)



There have been some hard seasons of shepherding over the years, but none compare to the last few months. The irony that these difficulties arrived precisely when I decided to re-dedicate myself to flock management and get serious about growing my fiber business is not lost on me; and I'll be honest, it's hard not to take it personally when an outpouring of care and devotion (and time and money) are rewarded with one disaster after another.

I won't go into all the details. It's too depressing, and ultimately not that interesting, but the bullet points include: Predation, fly strike, an abundance of "open" ewes (aka ewes that don't have lambs). Worst of all, the deformed, premature lamb I wrote about a few weeks ago was not an isolated incident, but the harbinger of four more similar births.

I've spent the last two weeks agonizing (and googling) what could possibly be causing this, and all evidence points to a virus that must have infected the flock at a crucial moment in gestation. The culprit is most likely Border Disease, which can move quickly from sheep to sheep, and has little effect on a full grown ewe, unless she's pregnant and gets infected during the first 85 days of gestation. During that period, a lamb-to-be has no immune system yet, and can not fight off the virus. Most fetuses spontaneously abort and are reabsorbed (one explanation for why my ewes were coming up open) and fetuses that survive the infection are fundamentally altered. Because they can not fight the virus, it becomes part of their DNA. Most are stillborn. Those that survive birth don't usually live long. They are also usually deformed, tiny, weak, and have a hairy coat instead of a wooly one.

Of course, I didn't know any of this when these lambs were born. I researched toxic plants, heat stress, tried to decode what genetic input was causing these deformities considering that none of the ewes involved were even the same breed, and the ram had given us several very healthy babies earlier in the season. What had happened? What had changed?

While Border Disease gave us some answers, we still have no idea what started the initial infection, and we probably never will. The good news is that all, if not most, of the flock has been exposed, and therefore has immunity going forward. In fact, this whole situation would fall into the category of 'no-big-deal' if not for the fact that two weeks of trying to care for dying, deformed babies and their very stressed mothers has left me gutted.

But, here's the interesting development. Calamity, both with the flock and in other areas of my life, has in the past has made me question myself. Was it a sign that I should give up and move on? Was it an indictment of my character, my work ethic, my alignment with my life's purpose? When something went wrong, I immediately interpreted it as indication that I WAS WRONG.

Some imperceptible but appreciable shift is allowing me to not take this virus personally, even while highlighting that I want to do things differently with the flock. I couldn't have prevented this infection, but I've already put into motion changes that will allow me more control. The first step has been a significant downsizing. I want to be able to keep closer tabs on my flock, and I want the individual ewes to know me and trust me, so if there is a problem I can intervene without further stressing them. I also want to be able to keep them physically closer which requires fewer head as well.

I can't tell you how many tears I've shed in coming to this decision. It's been a lot. But it also feels like I am accepting responsibility and grief as the container for joy by making these hard decisions. It feels like I am growing up. The goal is not perfection or even progress, it is wholeheartedness. It is being able to say yes with my arms flung wide, even when it hurts.

# USDA/Farm Service Agency NEWS

The Corson, Dewey, Meade, Perkins & Ziebach County FSA offices would like to keep you informed of the following items important to USDA programs. If you have any questions, please contact the following offices at:

- Corson County FSA: 605-273-4506 Extension 2
- Dewey County FSA: 605-865-3522 Extension 2
- Meade County FSA: 605-347-4952 Extension 2
- Perkins County FSA: 605-244-5222 Extension 2
- Ziebach County FSA: 605-365-5179 Extension 2.

FSA Program Dates/Deadlines

Continuous Signup: Tribal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program; contact your local FSA Office for more information.

April 15, 2024 - Grazing Season began

May 1, 2024 – Primary Nesting Season began

August 1, 2024 – Primary Nesting Season Ends

August 2, 2024 – CRP Managed Haying Begins – Check with FSA BEFORE haying

August 30, 2024 - CRP Managed Haying Ends – Check with FSA BEFORE haying

September 10, 2024 – Deadline to remove bales from hayed CRP Acres

September 15, 2024 – Deadline to report haying/grazing acres

September 2, 2024 – USDA Service Center closed in Observance of Labor Day

October 15, 2024 – Grazing Season Ends

November 15, 2025 – Deadline to report fall seeded crop acreage

FSA State and County Newsletter

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Text Alerts: Text sdcountyname, example sddewey to FSA-NOW (372-669) for text message alerts.

August Interest Rates

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program Interest Rates:

- 3-year loan - 4.375%
- 5-year loan - 4.250%
- 7-year loan - 4.250%
- 10-year loan - 4.250%
- 12-year loan - 4.375%

Farm Loan Program Interest Rates:

- Farm Operating Loans, Direct - 5.375%
- Farm Ownership Loans, Direct - 5.625%
- Farm Ownership, Joint Financing - 3.625%
- Farm Ownership, Down Payment - 1.625%

2024 NAP Forage Loss: If you have acres intended for forage and you did not harvest, for any reason, please contact the office to complete a Notice of Loss so that we can get it appraised.

Fall Crop Reporting: Fall crop reporting will be here before you know it. If you plant a fall crop, Ex. winter wheat, rye, triticale, it has to be reported by November 15th or you are charged a late fee when we do spring reporting. If you plant Rye and would like NAP coverage, it needs to be insured by September 30th!

Direct Deposit: The October Payment cycle is right around the corner. If you have recently updated or changed your direct deposit, please be sure to notify the FSA Office to ensure timely receipt of your payments.

Applying for Farm Storage Fa-

cility Loans

The Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program provides low-interest financing to help you build or upgrade storage facilities and to purchase portable (new or used) structures, equipment and storage and handling trucks.

Eligible commodities include corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans, oats, peanuts, wheat, barley, minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain, pulse crops (lentils, chickpeas and dry peas), hay, honey, renewable biomass, fruits, nuts and vegetables for cold storage facilities, floriculture, hops, maple sap, rye, milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, meat and poultry (unprocessed), eggs, and aquaculture (excluding systems that maintain live animals through uptake and discharge of water). Qualified facilities include grain bins, hay barns and cold storage facilities for eligible commodities.

Loans up to \$50,000 can be secured by a promissory note/security agreement, loans between \$50,000 and \$100,000 may require additional security, and loans exceeding \$100,000 require additional security.

You do not need to demonstrate the lack of commercial credit availability to apply. The loans are designed to assist a diverse range of farming operations, including small and mid-sized businesses, new farmers, operations supplying local food and farmers markets, non-traditional farm products, and underserved producers.

For more information, contact your local County USDA Service Center or visit [fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport](https://fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport).

## Bill aims to reflect true livestock values

By Scout Nelson

To support livestock producers more effectively, U.S. Senators Mike Rounds and Amy Klobuchar have introduced the LIP Payment Improvement Act. This new legislation, introduced in March 2024, mandates the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to update the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) payment rates quarterly instead of annually.

The move is designed to better reflect current livestock market prices, particularly in the wake of disasters like severe weather or disease.

The Act, now part of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee's Farm Bill, has garnered significant support from various agri-

cultural stakeholders, including the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the South Dakota Farmers Union. It is also included in the Senate Agriculture Committee's Farm Bill frameworks awaiting markup.

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring stressed the need for this update, noting the substantial risks faced by South Dakota's farmers and ranchers. Currently, the state's cattle producers are among the hardest hit by market fluctuations due to natural disasters, which can decimate herds and cripple operations.

Supporters of the bill, like Doris Lauing from the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association,

emphasize the necessity of the act, stating that the current annual payment update does not adequately reflect the rapid changes in market conditions.

Similarly, Doug Sombke of the South Dakota Farmers Union highlighted the urgency to adapt emergency relief programs to the realities of climate change.

The LIP Payment Improvement Act represents a significant step towards ensuring that livestock producers receive compensation that mirrors the true market value of their losses. This legislative update is crucial for maintaining the economic stability of farmers and ranchers facing unpredictable challenges in their agricultural endeavors.

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Bison.....	\$45.00
Meadow, Shadehill, Prairie City, Reva & Lodgepole.....	\$45.00
Lemmon.....	\$45.00
Out of Perkins County.....	\$50.00
Out of state (Includes all Hettinger addresses.).....	\$50.00

# Sow and Grow with Sara: Galls on Canada Thistle and Late Alfalfa Cuttings



Canada thistle stem gall caused by Canada thistle stem gall fly (Urophora cardui). Photo Credit: Dr. Eric Jones

By Sara Bauder  
Forage Field Specialist  
SDSU Mitchell Regional  
Center

Canada thistle galls have been spotted in some areas this summer. These wood-like galls are a product of thistle stem gall fly (Urophora cardui) attacking Canada thistle plants (see photo). Doesn't sound all bad, right? Canada thistle developing a pest issue? Tell me more!

Adult gall flies lay eggs in the thistle plant early in the summer season. The thistle stem gall fly prefers wet environments, so galls are more likely spotted in parts of the region that have stayed wet this year. Galls interrupt normal plant functions and reproduction as well as divert nutrients from vegetative growth and sometimes cause deformed seed heads that decrease seed production.

Don't get your hopes too high as the gall fly will not eradicate Canada thistle alone; however, it can reduce stands. Any management tactic that is implemented to reduce vegetative thistle growth early in the season (before gall flies lay eggs) will likely cause gall flies to leave and find a different site. Most noxious weed plans aim to stop vegetative growth. The advantage of stem gall flies is their ability to travel to isolated stands of thistle that are hard to access. When combined with competition from other, desirable vegetation, the effect of both the galls and the competition can help with suppression. Thistle stem gall fly will not effectively manage Canada thistle alone, but keep in mind that integrated pest management involves utilizing every tool available to you! For more detailed information on this topic, please visit <https://extension.sdstate.edu/galls-canada-thistle-biological-management-work>.

As fall approaches and many start thinking about silage and grain harvest, don't forget about alfalfa cutting management as well. Every year many growers find themselves struggling to determine when to take that last cutting of hay. Fall harvest should be determined by a few factors.

•The first thing to consider is that alfalfa needs 500 alfalfa growing degree days (GDDs) after cutting and before a hard freeze to get enough root reserves to survive most Midwest winters (calculate your GDDs at <https://climate.sdstate.edu/tools/d egreedays/>). This equates to about six weeks in the Upper Midwest. By determining your long-term average hard frost (24°F) date (see <https://climate.sdstate.edu/tools/et />) and working backwards 6 weeks, you should have a pretty good idea of last suggested cutting date.

•If you have a newly established stand of spring seeded alfalfa that experienced favorable weather conditions and looks well established, an October cutting may be appropriate as long as ~500 GDDs have accumulated since your last cutting. Remember that late fall cuttings can result in a lower first spring cutting yield. If your young alfalfa stand did not experience a favorable growing season or was not established until late summer, avoid the last, late cutting.

•Keep in mind that it's not ideal to let more than 200 alfalfa growing degree days accumulate AFTER you make the last cutting. After this much growth occurs, root reserves are fairly depleted and plants become more susceptible to winterkill.

•If you plan to terminate your stand in the spring, a later harvest is fine; however, terminating alfalfa with herbicides is best at 4+ inches of regrowth.

•If it gets late and you're concerned about forage supply, consider harvesting after the winterization period; technically, it should be safe to take a cutting at this time. This correlates to cutting after a killing freeze (23-24°F for several hours) after the plant is dormant. This is not as stressful to the plants as cutting during winterization, and can be a viable option for those who need feed and do not want to risk next year's stand.

Remember in any scenario, it's ideal to leave 5"+ of stubble, which leaves some plant tissue and helps to reduce erosion. Leaving soils bare over winter is a recipe for erosion and will likely result in less snow cover with little plant residue on the soil surface.

The more stress an alfalfa stand sees during the growing season, the more apt it is to experience winter-kill after a late cutting. If a field was cut multiple times (4+), it is more likely to have winter-kill issues than a field cut fewer times. Younger, well-established, winter hardy/disease-resistant varieties may tolerate a late season cutting better than older stands or those that experienced heavy pest pressure over the growing season.

# South Dakota Landowners Score Property Rights Win

*Unanimous ruling by the South Dakota Supreme Court  
overturms common carrier status claimed by CO2 pipeline  
company to use eminent domain Informational meetings  
planned to educate public on unprecedented RL21 legislation*

Landowners for Eminent Domain Reform (LEDR) today announced the South Dakota Supreme Court ruled that Summit Carbon Solutions (SCS) had not demonstrated it is a common carrier, eligible for eminent domain privileges. This decision overturns the previous circuit court ruling allowing the company to pursue invasive surveying tactics in multiple northeast South Dakota counties.

"We are pleased with the South Dakota Supreme Court's ruling that Summit Carbon Solutions is not a common carrier, transporting hazardous carbon dioxide, eligible for eminent domain rights," said Joy Hohn, landowner and farmer. "Although we have a longer road ahead, today's ruling is an important step in protecting property rights for every citizen in South Dakota, and across the Midwest."

The company trying to build a hazardous carbon dioxide pipeline through South Dakota has not yet proven it should be allowed to take private land for public use, according to a state Supreme Court ruling issued Thursday.

"It is thus premature to conclude that SCS is a common carrier, especially where the record before us suggests that CO2 is being shipped and sequestered underground with no apparent productive use," the court ruled.

Hundreds of South Dakota citizens have been impacted by the threat of condemnation, entering property without permission and property damage as a result of the use of eminent domain by SCS.

The pipeline would pass through 18 counties in eastern South Dakota. Some landowners along the route sued to stop the company from conducting land surveys.

"The urgent need for eminent domain reform and protection of property rights is one of the drivers that motivated me to speak up as a citizen and run for office," added Hohn. "We can attribute this 'win' to the perseverance of hundreds of landowners, lawmakers and other citizens who stood up to this blatant violation of American rights."

Hohn continued, "We also thank Brian Jorde, of Domina Law Group LLC, who represented landowners and has worked tirelessly as an advocate for property rights representing those citizens whose lives have been directly impacted, for what has now been years, across the Midwest."

Last year, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission denied permits to both Navigator Heartland Greenway (Navigator) and Summit Carbon Solutions (Summit). Navigator failed to meet multiple burden of proof points regarding 1) compliance with applicable laws, 2) threat of serious injury, 3) safety and 4) future development. Navigator, who disclosed only 30% of landowners had signed easements, withdrew their project and dissolved while Summit plans to re-submit an application.

Summit does not currently have a permit application on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Summit's proposed pipeline would collect carbon dioxide emissions from 57 ethanol plants, and transport the waste thousands of miles for underground storage in North Dakota to collect up to \$18 billion in federal tax credits over the 12-year period.

A common carrier transports goods for the general public in exchange for a fee, such as electricity in a transmission line. Common carriers are allowed to

use eminent domain to gain land access from unwilling landowners.

Ethanol producers and Summit claim eminent domain is the only way to achieve the project. Yet utilities in the state have emphasized they have rarely, if ever, recalled exercising the power of condemnation—noting the importance of relationships in working with landowners to move projects forward as they have for nearly a century.

"Eminent domain is a restricted authority, reserved for public use," said Craig Schauman, landowner, farmer and former legislator. "Beneficial projects do not need the use of eminent domain The entire ethanol industry and large water systems have been built in the last 25 years without the power of condemnation."

SCS's proposed hazardous carbon dioxide pipeline concept is also at the center of recent legislation (Senate Bill 201) that was referred in June exceeding the number of signatures required with more than 30,000. The proposed legislation is moving to a public vote as Referred Law 21 (RL21) on the ballot in November.

"We need people to educate themselves on this unprecedented legislation that tips the scales to corporate interest from private citizens," Hohn continued. "RL21 overturns 135 years of SD law, strips control from townships and counties, and leaves property owners with far less to pave the way for a prospective project," added Hohn.

"Several groups are holding informational meetings for this purpose. Your vote is your voice. Make sure your voice is heard in November," she concluded.

## Meadow News

Gary and Janet Jorgensen were among those who attended the Prairie Fellowship Parish picnic held at Merriman's Grove Sunday and hosted by Rosebud Lutheran.

Jorgen Johnson, grandson of Gary and Janet Jorgensen spent a few weeks helping at the ranch.

Carmen Johnson and Kjersten came out to the Jorgensen ranch to pick up Jorgen and helped work cattle.

Kiya and Kade Griesse of Rock Rapids, Iowa came to spend a few days visiting with her grandparents Jerry and Carolyn Petik. Other Sunday guests at the Petik home were Jeri Lynn and DeJon Bakken, Leif Bakken, Kavan, Lisa and Georgia Donohue, Matt, Kelly and Jacob Skjoldal.



Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing to discuss the five-year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan. It will be held at 11:00 a.m. September 10th 2024, in the Commissioners Room at the Perkins County Courthouse.

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BISON

Notice is hereby given that the Municipality of Bison, South Dakota, has failed to submit to the Department of Legislative Audit a timely audit report, as defined in SDCL 4-2-17, for the two-year period ended December 31, 2021. This notice is required by SDCL 4-2-15.

The Municipality may also be subjected to a penalty of ten dollars per day for each day that the audit report remains delinquent in accordance with SDCL 4-2-16.

Russell A. Olson, Auditor General  
Department of Legislative Audit

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IN CIRCUIT COURT  
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
 ) SS.  
COUNTY OF PERKINS )  
 )  
In the Matter of the Estate of )  
REBECCA HOYT, )  
Deceased. )

Notice is given that on August 7, 2024, Susan Buer of Lemmon, South Dakota was appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Rebecca Hoyt, Deceased. Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred. Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk of courts, with a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 15 day of August, 2024.

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2025 PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR  
PERKINS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Perkins County, will meet in the Courthouse at Bison, South Dakota on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 12:00 PM for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2025 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objections, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.



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Perkins County  
Commission

Regular Meeting  
Date: August 13, 2024  
Present: Commissioners Carmichael, Foster, Campbell, Schweitzer and Finance Officer Stadler  
Not Present: Commissioner Henderson  
Others Present: Cheryl Chapman, Lynn Frey, Steven Nash, Shane Penfield, Kelly Serr, Tracy Hafner and Cody Green

Call to Order  
Chairman Carmichael called the Regular Commissioner Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Conflict of Interest  
There was no Conflict of Interest to declare.

Approval of the Agenda  
Campbell moved, Foster seconded to approve the Agenda as presented, motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes  
Foster moved, Schweitzer seconded to approve the Minutes for the July 9th, 2024 Regular meeting, July 16th Special Meeting, and July 25th, 2024 Special Meeting as presented, motion carried.

Monthly Reports  
• Finance Officer's Account with the Deputy Finance Officer - To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners Perkins County: I hereby submit the following report of my examination of the cash and cash items in the hands of the Deputy Finance Officer of this County as of July 31, 2024, Sara Stadler, Finance Officer, Perkins County. Total amount of deposits in banks \$4,014,199.98. Total amount of actual cash \$200.00; Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union: \$108,888.14; Certificates of Deposit \$407,807.64; Total \$4,531,095.76. The total represents state, county, schools, cities and township funds, which will be transferred to each entity of government after being apportioned.  
• Sheriff's Fees in the amount of \$846.26 were reviewed.  
• Motor Vehicle fees for the month of July 2024 were reviewed.  
• Register of Deed's fees in the amount of \$4,408.00 were reviewed.  
• Longevity – T. Buer 8-5, J. Olson 8-27 Correspondence – Received from Nies Karras & Skjoldal  
Western Dakota Regional Water Project

Overview – Cheryl Chapman with Western Dakota Regional Water System was present to inform the Commissioners about the potential project of bringing water to western South Dakota from the Missouri River near Pierre, SD. If Perkins County was interested in getting water to this area it is advisable to contact them to get on board with the potential project.

Highway Department  
Superintendent Green presented the Commissioners with his Monthly Report for the month of July. He reported on continuing with maintenance and repairs. The crew has graveled 104th St and 4 Mile Road. The crew has been working on blading as needed, signage, mowing roads, and weed eating around bridges.

Prairie City Road – LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) was here to look at the Prairie City Road with Chairman Carmichael and Superintendent Green. LTAP had no definitive reason why Prairie City Road is so slippery on the north portion. It was agreed it could possibly be from the tree sap applied years ago. Commissioner Foster recommended trying to chip seal it without the oil. Foster recommended doing a portion of the road to see what difference it would make.

Resignation – McKenna Ahrenholz – Schweitzer moved, Foster seconded to accept the resignation of McKenna Ahrenholz as a full-time employee and continue to keep her employed as a part-time employee effective today, 8-13-2024 at \$17.00/hour, motion carried.

Secondary Road Mowing Bids – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to authorize Chairman Carmichael to open bids received for Secondary Roads, motion carried. Lone bid received was from MoBro Services LLC as follows:

NW Corner – 48.5 miles - \$160.00/mile = \$7,760.00  
NE Corner – 86.6 miles - \$150.00/mile = \$12,990.00  
SW Corner – 48.75 miles - \$160.00/mile = \$7,800.00  
SE Corner – 75.2 miles - \$150.00/mile = \$11,280.00  
Total Cost \$39,830.00

Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to accept the lone bid received from MoBro Services LLC for a total cost of \$39,830.00, motion carried.

County Road Spraying – Superintendent Green has sprayed for the County for 61 hours over the past few months. Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to pay Cody Green at \$30.00/hour for duties beyond the scope of his employment as Superintendent to spray for the County for 61 hours, for a total cost of \$1,830.00, motion carried.

Secondary Roads – (unorganized townships) – Superintendent Green has spoken to several residents concerning the signage that is being done through the federal grant. Superintendent Green has 3 residents who would like to have no signage on their roads.

Phil Jerde – Request for a Utility Easement on Sorum Road – no one present, no action taken.

Matt Wiesinger – Hudgins Township – no one present, no action taken.

Appoint a Planning & Zoning Director – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to appoint Tracy Hafner, Director of Equalization, as the Planning & Zoning Director once the Zoning Ordinance is in effect on Sept 1, 2024, motion carried.

Set Fees by Resolution for Zoning Ordinance – Commissioners would like Finance Officer Stadler to contact Harding County to see examples of applications and fees for the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioners will discuss it at next month's meeting.

Sheriff – New Hire – Set Wage – Sheriff Serr has hired William Merchen to be a Deputy Sheriff in Lemmon with his start date on 7-23-2024. Campbell moved, Foster seconded to set the wage for William Merchen at \$21.00/hour effective 7-23-2024, motion carried.

Finance Office – Sara Stadler

- Provisional Budget – Schweitzer moved, Campbell seconded to publish the 2025 Provisional Budget and to set the Annual Budget Hearing for Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, motion carried.
- Contingency Transfer – PILT – \$12,000 – Foster moved, Campbell seconded to move \$12,000 from Commissioners Contingency 101-112-429 to PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) 101-850-454 PILT to Educational Agencies, motion carried.
- Lights/Poles at Fairgrounds – Finance Officer Stadler received a quote from our insurance company, SDPAA for the new lights at the fairgrounds. To increase the value of new lights and new poles each would be valued at \$3,865, with a total value of \$42,515. Commissioners decided to okay the additional cost at \$48.68 annually to increase the value of the lights and poles at the Fairgrounds.

Claims  
The following claims were presented and approved for payment: July payroll: 77,810.20; IRS, FICA, 7,681.60; SD Retirement, 6,295.38; Delta Dental, ins, 1,189.50; Medico Life, ins, 126.29; Wellmark, ins, 22,815.12; Sun Life, ins, 99.75; HRA, reimb, 4,010.61; A&B,

maint, 54.34; Active Data, maint, 900.00; Business Solutions, supplies, 165.79; Angel Armor, supplies, 7,875.00; Arrowwood, travel, 565.28; Avera, prof fee, 135.00; B&C, contract serv, 224.00; Bison Courier, publishing, 248.86; Bison Grain, supplies, 1,087.35; Bison Imp, supplies, 1,551.66; Brosz, prof fees, 5,812.50; Capital I, repairs, 7,487.16; Christ Stang, repairs, 173.40; Current Connection, maint/supplies, 2,929.07; Dakota Herald, publishing, 260.36; DMC, repair, 20,143.40; Evanson Jensen, indigent burial, 1,860.00; Firstnet, utilities, 280.28; Five Counties, prof. serv, 400.00; G&O, supplies, 1,086.10; Grand Electric, utilities, 1,415.93; Halonen, contracting, 2,810.01; Hamand Tire, maint, 157.00; Jensen Rock, contracts, 842,138.80; John Deere, supplies, 5,944.19; Kimball Midwest, equip, 2,147.99; Kinney Law, crt appt atty, 10,318.91; Laufer Vermeer, maint, 129.83; Lemmon EMT, travel, 795.28; IGA, supplies, 59.74; Lemmon Jr. Livestock, subsidy, 3,000.00; Meade County, jail board, 6,745.00; Melling & Roseland, crt appt atty, 1,442.75; Northern Truck, repair, 4,074.65; NW Farm, supplies, 248.34; Parts Barn, equip, 117.00; Penfield, rent, 400.00; Pharmchem, supplies, 63.90; Print Shop, supplies, 100.89; RDO, repairs, 896.73; RDO Truck, repair, 1,345.00; Runnings, supplies, 721.70; SD Dev. Center, subsidy, 120.00; SD Pub Health, prof serv, 80.00; SDACC, reg, 600.00; SDPAA, ins, 393.00; Servall, supplies, 186.22; Stevens, supplies, 60.00; Sturgis Amb, jail med, 544.80; Sturgis Responder, supplies, 1,190.61; Minneapolis Forensic, mental health phy, 8,425.00; Town of Bison, utilities, 313.13; Tyler, comp. prog, 449.00; Universal Background, supplies, 12.12; Vanguard, comp. prog, 10,850.00; Verizon, utilities, 80.02; Visa, utilities/supplies/travel/dues/maint, 963.12; WRCTC, utilities, 1,284.64.

Adjournment  
There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Carmichael declared the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Perkins County Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Perkins County Courthouse.

ATTEST:  
APPROVED:

Sara Stadler, Finance Officer  
Kyle Carmichael, Chairman

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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING

DATE: August 20, 2024 TIME HELD: 5:30 pm  
KIND OF MEETING: Special  
WHERE HELD: Board Room  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Besler, Lemer, Stadler, Veal  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Keller  
OFFICERS AND OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Shipley, Business Manager Thompson, Sara Weishaar

CHAIRMAN STADLER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH A CALL FOR THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
38. Motion by Veal second by Besler to approve the consent agenda.

**PUBLIC FORUM**  
None

REQUEST FOR BUS SERVICE –  
SARA WEISHAAR

Sara Weishaar was present to request bus service for four-year-old preschool students. She will be starting a preschool in her home on September 9th. Preschool days will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The school attorney will be contacted to write up a contract for the services.  
39. Motion by Veal second by Lemer to approve bus service for the preschool students.

**BOARD TRAINING**  
Board governance training with Wade Pogany with ASBSD.  
40. Motion by Lemer second by Besler to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm Motion carried.

Mike Stadler, Chairman  
Angela Thompson, Business Manager

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By Scout Nelson

This year, South Dakota landowners have made a substantial commitment to environmental stewardship by enrolling almost 159,000 acres, or about 250 square miles, into the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). This achievement places South Dakota fourth in the nation, following Nebraska, Colorado, and New Mexico, as reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The Grassland CRP is designed to enhance grassland management practices that support carbon sequestration, moisture retention, and resilience against wildfires. Participants must maintain the integrity of the grasslands by refraining from farming the land. However, practices like sustainable livestock grazing and limited hay baling

are permitted under the program's guidelines. Regular USDA inspections ensure these lands promote biodiversity and ecological health.

Further emphasizing the state's dedication, approximately 1,800 South Dakota landowners maintain ongoing contracts with the USDA, covering about 1.48 million acres (about half the area of Connecticut). These contracts generate annual payments totaling \$23.67 million, with an average payment of around \$16 per acre.

In total, South Dakota's participation in all USDA conservation reserve programs involves 14,150 landowners and nearly 2.4 million acres (about half the area of New Jersey), with annual payments reaching \$137.29 million. The average payment across these programs stands at \$57.40

per acre.

At the national level, the recent enrollments bring the total acres in USDA land conservation initiatives to nearly 27 million, hitting the department's statutory cap.

Zach Ducheneaux, the administrator for USDA's Farm Service Agency and a South Dakota rancher, praised the effort, stating, "The enrollment news is a testament to the commitments made by the farmers, ranchers, and landowners we serve to mitigate the impacts of climate change by conserving, protecting and enhancing our natural resources." This collective effort underscores a nationwide commitment to preserving and enhancing the United States' natural landscapes.

CLIP 'N SAVE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<b>Sunday • September 1</b> State Fair	<b>Sunday • September 8</b> Grand Parents Day	<b>Saturday • September 14</b>	<b>Saturday • September 21</b> CFEL State meeting in Huron JHVB @ Faith 9:00 a.m. JHFB @HC Jam	<b>Friday • September 27</b> Coal Springs Threshing Bee FB @ Timber Lake 6:00 p.m. XC @ Hart Ranch 9:00 a.m.
<b>Monday • September 2</b> State Fair LABOR DAY NO School AA @ Assembly of God Church basement Hettinger 7:00 p.m.	<b>Monday • September 9</b> GRANDPARENTS DAY 2:30 p.m. Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. Town Board meeting 5:00 p.m. Men's Club meeting 7:00 p.m. AA @ Assembly of God Church basement Hettinger 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sunday • September 15</b>		
	<b>Monday • September 16</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. Firemen's Mtg 7:00 p.m. AA @ Assembly of God Church basement Hettinger 7:00 p.m.	<b>Monday • September 16</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. Firemen's Mtg 7:00 p.m. AA @ Assembly of God Church basement Hettinger 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sunday • September 22</b> Fall Begins	<b>Saturday • September 28</b> Coal Springs Threshing Bee VB LMC @ Lemmon
<b>Tuesday • September 3</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. Commissioners Mtg 10:00 a.m. VB V/JV/JH H w/Faith 5:00 p.m.	<b>Tuesday • September 10</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>Tuesday • September 17</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. VB V/JV @ Newell 5:00 p.m.	<b>Monday • September 23</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. Town Board meeting Library Board meeting 7:00 p.m. AA @ Assembly of God Church basement Hettinger 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sunday • September 29</b> Coal Springs Threshing Bee
<b>Wednesday • September 4</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. Eastern Star 7:00 p.m.	<b>Wednesday • September 11</b> Patriot Day Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. School Board meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>Wednesday • September 18</b> Picture Day Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m.	<b>Tuesday • September 24</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. VB V H w/ Tiospaye Topa 5:00 p.m.	<b>Monday • September 30</b> Homecoming Spirit Week Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. JH FB H w/Timber Lake 5:00 p.m. XC @ Lemmon 3:30 p.m. Library Board meeting 7:00 p.m. AA @ Assembly of God Church basement Hettinger 7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday • September 5</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. VB V/JV/JH @ Timber Lake 4:00 p.m.	<b>Thursday • September 12</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. VB V/JV/JH H/Dupree 4:30 p.m. XC @ Belle Fourche 10:00 a.m. PCRWS	<b>Thursday • September 19</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. VB JH H w/HC 5:30 p.m. Food Truck in Bison Food Pantry 2 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Wednesday • September 25</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m.	
<b>Friday • September 6</b> FB @ New Underwood 6:30 p.m. XC @ Faith 9:00 a.m.	<b>Friday • September 13</b> Homecoming FB @ HC w/ Hill City 6:00 p.m.	<b>Friday • September 20</b> FB @ HC w/Lemmon/McIntosh VB V/JV H w/Takini 2:00 p.m. XC LMC @ Newell Town & Country Club 1:00 p.m. CFEL State meeting in Huron	<b>Thursday • September 26</b> Public Library 12:30-5:30 p.m. JHFB @ HC 5:30 p.m. JHVB @ HC 5:30 p.m.	
<b>Saturday • September 7</b>				



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# Grand River Roundup ..... Betty Olson

Reub and I went to our friend Rick Holzkamm's funeral at the United Methodist Church in Hettinger Monday morning. It's a good thing we went early because there were so many people that came to say goodbye to Rick that a lot of people had to stand up because all the seats were taken. We had lunch with all the mourners at the Granary and then drove down for the burial at the Golden Valley Cemetery south of Reeder. We had never been to Golden Valley before and the church there is beautiful. It has been closed for a while, but it is still kept up really nice and we knew a lot of people that are buried there. Rick was buried close to where his cousin Tyler Olson is buried.

Taz and Amanda and the kids went to Rapid City Monday night because Taz was up in the rodeo there Tuesday morning. Casey and Missy also went down to the rodeo and Bryce and little Argus came to watch the rodeo too. They all came back to the ranch Tuesday afternoon. Reub spent Tuesday morning spraying weeds up in our west pasture and the dogs were more than happy to go with him. I spent some time watching a little of the DNC con-

vention on TV that afternoon.

I got the Black Hills State University Alumni Magazine this week and there was a great article in it about Sam Olson and the Olson family titled "Hometown Heroes: The Olson Family's Impact on Buffalo's Economy". Sam Olson also was on the Alumni Awards page as winner of the Young Alumni Achievement award. There were also several friends from Harding County pictured in the class of 1974 Reunion pictures including Linda Stephens, Paula Richter, and Becky Holsti.

I went down to visit Erin Klempel early Wednesday morning to pick up my Alison's Pantry order and stopped at the Reva Store to get some groceries on the way home. The fog was so thick that morning that I had to have my headlights on just to see where I was going. Copper started 2nd grade in Buffalo that day and Amanda took her to town to start the year at school. Reub and I went to Northwest Tire in Bowman late that afternoon to get the brakes fixed on the pickup. When we got home Taz was cutting a bunch of branches that kept hitting the roof of their house and I helped keep an eye

on the twins while Amanda was helping him pick up two loads of branches to haul to the dump in the tractor.

Jim Darlington from the Inyan Kara Grazing Association in Newcastle, Wyoming, sent me five of the latest poems he had written and they are really entertaining. He writes conservative poems about what is going on in politics and our government and I just love them. Thanks Jim!

There are more deaths to report: Raymond O. Akers, 66, of Lodgepole, passed away on August 18, at West River Health Services in Hettinger. Funeral services for Raymond were held on Saturday at Grace Bible Fellowship in Bison and he was buried at the Bison Cemetery.

Jack Dewayne Vetter, age 74, of Bison, passed away on Monday, August 19, at the Monument Health in Rapid City. Memorial services for Jack will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 31, at the First Presbyterian Church in Bison, with Lynn Hall presiding. Burial will follow in the Bison Cemetery.

Rebecca "Becky" Hulm Mack, 72, of Moline, Illinois, died unexpectedly on Friday, July 5, in Omaha, Nebraska, while visiting

relatives. A celebration of Becky's life was held on Wednesday, July 17, with a memorial service and reception at Trimble Funeral Home at Moline, Illinois. A South Dakota "Celebration of Life" will be held for Becky on Saturday August 31, from 2 to 6 PM at the Hulm Farm -18838A Butcher Creek Rd, Bison South Dakota. Come celebrate Becky's life, share memories and enjoy time with her family. Inurnment will be at sunset, gathering at 6:30 PM at the Galloway Cemetery at Meadow, South Dakota.

These families have our sympathy.

Amanda took Knox and Copper to Buffalo Thursday morning because Knox started kindergarten that day. Casey and Taz went up to help Ron Jensen work cows that day. Missy went to pick Copper and Knox off the bus at Reva that afternoon because Amanda was in Buffalo for the going away party for Ann Parfery that the Hospital Board was putting on for her now that Ann is moving to Rapid City to work at Monument down there. Reub had a doctor appointment in Hettinger that afternoon because while he was out spraying weeds he was attacked by those nasty

chigger bugs that left bites all over his legs and his back. Thankfully the doctor was able to treat the bug bites for him.

Casey and Taz helped work cows at Ron Jensen's and Bill Holt's on Friday while Reub went spraying weeds up in our west pasture. Reub had a flat tire on his spraying unit so he couldn't spray weeds on Saturday and not until he gets a new tire for it.

Reub and I went to our friend Raymond Akers' funeral Saturday afternoon and joined a huge crowd of friends and family to bid goodbye to that wonderful Christian man. Raymond's wife Jean used to work for my parents, Bryce and Lila White, at White's Truckstop Café in Bison and she is a member of the large Seidel family that I grew up with while we lived in Bison.

Slim Buttes Lutheran held the church service in the Gap at the Slim Buttes Sunday morning with Dana Coyle giving the service. Dana is Pastor Andy Coyle's brother and had attended the Free Lutheran Bible Collage in Plymouth, Minnesota that our daughter Teri also attended.

I'll leave you with this: Money talks ...but all mine ever says is good-bye.

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# USDA weekly report on crop and soil conditions

*By Scout Nelson*

For the week ending August 18, 2024, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 7% very short, 25% short, 63% adequate, and 5% surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated at 5% very short, 20% short, 70% adequate, and 5% surplus, reflecting the varying conditions across different regions.

The USDA's field crops report provided detailed updates on several key crops. Corn conditions were rated at 2% very poor, 5% poor, 23% fair, 58% good, and 12% excellent. Corn silking was almost complete at 98%, close to the previous year's 96% and matching the five-year average.

The dough stage was at 68%, near last year's 72% and slightly above the 66% average. However, the denting stage was slower, with only 9% of corn dented, behind last year's 17% and the average of 13%.

Soybean conditions were reported as 2% very poor, 5% poor, 25% fair, 58% good, and 10% ex-

cellent. Soybeans were blooming at 96%, nearly matching last year's 97% and the five-year average of 95%. Soybean pod setting was at 76%, close to last year's 80% and the 79% average.

Spring wheat harvest was progressing well, with 70% of the crop harvested, near both last year's and the average of 69%. Oat harvesting was ahead of schedule, with 91% harvested compared to 85% last year and an 83% average.

Sorghum conditions showed some variability, with 0% rated very poor, 8% poor, 23% fair, 67% good, and 2% excellent. Sorghum heading was at 90%, slightly behind last year's 98% but close to the 86% average. However, the coloring process was significantly behind, at just 17%, compared to 51% last year and a 23% average.

Sunflower conditions were relatively strong, with 0% very poor, 6% poor, 25% fair, 64% good, and 5% excellent. Sunflower blooming was at 83%, near last year's 80%.

In the pasture and range report, conditions were rated at 4% very poor, 18% poor, 33% fair, 36% good, and 9% excellent, indicating a mixed outlook for pastures.

The USDA continues to provide timely and accurate data to help guide agricultural practices and decision-making across the country.



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<b>JOHN GREEN</b> 515 LAMB .....#92 ...\$190.00 255 LAMB .....#70 ...\$190.00 59 LAMB .....#96 ...\$185.00 <b>CHUCK ANDERSON</b> 23 LAMB .....#78 ...\$189.00 11 LAMB .....#90 ...\$173.00 <b>JOHN &amp; INA BOLDT</b> 123 LAMB .....#83 ...\$187.00 <b>JIM WILKINSON</b> 88 LAMB .....#100 ...\$185.00 77 LAMB .....#82 ...\$185.00 <b>DIANE GOLDADE</b> 21 LAMB .....#74 ...\$173.00 52 LAMB .....#57 ...\$170.00 <b>YEARLINGS</b> <b>FISCHBACH RANCH INC</b> 212 BLACK HFR.....#830 ...\$241.50 210 BLACK HFR.....#829 ...\$241.00 82 BLACK HFR.....#745 ...\$255.00 <b>BECKMAN RANCH</b> 61 BLACK HFR.....#802 ...\$237.00 <b>BRIAN &amp; DARCI HARPER</b> 59 BLACK HFR.....#817 ...\$238.50 9 BLACK HFR.....#818 ...\$239.50 <b>BLAINE OTTMAR</b> 195 BLACK STR-DRY LOT..#800 ...\$258.50 127 BLACK STR-DRY LOT..#870 ...\$244.25 64 BLACK STR-DRY LOT....#902 ...\$237.00 64 BLACK STR-DRY LOT....#880 ...\$236.25	64 BLACK STR-DRY LOT....#882 ...\$235.75 128 BLACK STR-DRY LOT..#901 ...\$236.50 63 BLACK STR-DRY LOT....#894 ...\$235.75 64 BLACK STR-DRY LOT....#893 ...\$237.00 121 CHAR STR-DRY LOT ..#951 ...\$232.50 60 RED STR-DRY LOT .....#905 ...\$232.75 60 RED STR-DRY LOT .....#898 ...\$233.25 59 RED STR-DRY LOT .....#889 ...\$234.50 59 RED STR-DRY LOT .....#879 ...\$236.00 72 CHAR/RED STR-DRY LOT .....#789 ...\$255.00 71 Bk/Rd/Ch HFR-DRY LOT .....#820 ...\$231.00 <b>WELLER RANCH</b> 32 Blk/BWF HFR.....#873 ...\$231.50 11 Blk/BWF HFR .....#1005 \$215.00 <b>ARNESON LAND &amp; LIVESTOCK</b> 40 BLACK HFR.....#944 ...\$229.50 <b>RICHARD PRICE</b> 25 BLACK HFR.....#859 ...\$230.50 <b>ROB FARLEE</b> 11 RED STR .....#889 ...\$244.00 10 Rd/Blk HFR.....#858 ...\$227.50 <b>JACE &amp; KRISTI BIRKELAND</b> 15 BLACK HFR.....#894 ...\$229.00 <b>CODY WEYER</b> 14 BLACK HFR.....#819 ...\$236.00 <b>JENSON RANCH</b> 11 BLACK HFR.....#942 ...\$228.50	<b>KRISTI &amp; JACE BIRKELAND</b> 8 BLACK HFR.....#889 ...\$230.50 <b>CALLIE STARR</b> 29 BLACK HFR.....#953 ...\$225.00 <b>KEITH GAASKJOLEN</b> 15 BLACK HFR.....#1058 \$212.50 <b>COBB CATTLE Co</b> 15 BLACK HFR.....#902 ...\$230.25 <b>NORMAN AND SHELBY MILES</b> 16 BLACK HFR.....#919 ...\$230.50 <b>MONTE REICHERT</b> 12 BLACK HFR.....#924 ...\$230.25 <b>ORWICK RANCH LLP</b> 10 HERF HFR .....#845 ...\$229.00 <b>JOHN KARI</b> 19 BLACK HFR.....#931 ...\$229.00 <b>JOE LOCKEN</b> 12 BLACK HFR.....#920 ...\$230.00 <b>JOESY HAUSER</b> 6 BLACK HFR.....#924 ...\$228.00 <b>J-R PARTNERSHIP</b> 8 Rd/Blk HFR.....#1106 \$193.00 <b>WEIGH UPS</b> <b>RYLE MILLAR</b> 1 BLACK COW .....#1000 \$179.00 <b>BRADYN WARD</b> 1 BLACK COW .....#1175 \$176.00 <b>JENSON RANCH</b> 2 BLACK COW .....#1260 \$173.00	<b>JOHN EULBERG</b> 2 BLACK COW .....#1223 \$170.00 4 BLACK COW .....#1529 \$142.50 1 BLACK COW .....#1515 \$132.50 <b>BILL HOLT</b> 1 BLACK COW .....#1200 \$149.00 <b>MILLAR ANGUS LLC</b> 11 BLACK COW .....#1565 \$143.50 4 BLACK COW .....#1226 \$142.00 7 BLACK COW .....#1411 \$139.00 <b>CASEY BRINK</b> 1 BLACK COW .....#1460 \$142.50 <b>GREG &amp; LINDY SMITH</b> 3 BLACK COW .....#1593 \$140.50 <b>CORRINA THOMPSON</b> 1 BLACK COW .....#1490 \$139.00 <b>RHONDA LENSEGRAV</b> 1 BLACK COW .....#1630 \$139.00 <b>ERIC JONES</b> 1 RED COW.....#1715 \$136.00 <b>HADLEY MATT</b> 1 BLACK COW .....#1510 \$135.00 <b>ROBERT ULRICH</b> 1 BLACK COW .....#1475 \$133.50 <b>GRADY MATT</b> 1 HERF BULL .....#955 ...\$190.00 <b>KENNETH RHODEN</b> 5 BLACK BULL .....#1122 \$181.50 2 BLACK BULL .....#1605 \$150.00 1 BLACK BULL .....#2165 \$150.00	<b>LEONARD ULRICH</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#1000 \$180.00 <b>DALE NASH</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#2005 \$160.50 <b>TRACY COLLINS</b> 1 RED BULL.....#1840 \$160.50 <b>BLAINE OTTMAR</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#2310 \$159.50 1 BLACK BULL .....#1905 \$158.00 <b>JACE &amp; KRISTI BIRKELAND</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#1885 \$158.50 <b>LYLE WEISS</b> 3 BLACK BULL .....#1808 \$156.00 <b>ARLIE RADWAY</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#2030 \$155.50 <b>FLINT ROCK RANCH INC</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#1740 \$155.00 <b>DANNY ARNESON</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#2005 \$153.50 <b>JOHN HEIDLER</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#2015 \$153.00 1 BLACK BULL .....#2105 \$151.00 <b>CHIP HEIDLER</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#2065 \$150.00 <b>JOE LOCKEN</b> 3 BLACK BULL .....#1770 \$150.00 <b>KOLB CATTLE</b> 1 BLACK BULL .....#2140 \$150.00 <b>DOYLE SIMON</b> 2 BLACK BULL .....#1803 \$149.50
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### UPCOMING SALES

<b>SEPTEMBER 2: - NO SALE, LABOR DAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 30:</b> REGULAR CATTLE SALE	<b>LAIS CALF SPECIAL</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 4:</b> CALF & YEARLING SPECIAL	<b>NOVEMBER 25:</b> REGULAR CATTLE SALE & BRED COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL
<b>SEPTEMBER 9: REGULAR CATTLE SALE &amp; YEARLING SPECIAL</b>	<b>OCTOBER 7:</b> REGULAR CATTLE SALE, CALF & YEARLING SPECIAL	<b>OCTOBER 21:</b> CALF & YEARLING SPECIAL	<b>NOVEMBER 5:</b> WEIGH UP COW & BULL SALE	<b>DECEMBER 2:</b> REGULAR CATTLE SALE, WEANED & UNWEANED CALF SPECIAL
<b>SEPTEMBER 16:</b> REGULAR CATTLE SALE, SHEEP SPECIAL, OPEN CONSIGNMENT HORSE SALE	<b>OCTOBER 14:</b> CALF & YEARLING SPECIAL	<b>OCTOBER 22:</b> WEIGH UP COW & BULL SALE	<b>NOVEMBER 11:</b> CALF & YEARLING SPECIAL	<b>DECEMBER 9:</b> REGULAR CATTLE SALE, BRED COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL
<b>SEPTEMBER 23:</b> REGULAR CATTLE SALE, YEARLING SPECIAL	<b>OCTOBER 15:</b> WEIGH UP COW & BULL SALE	<b>OCTOBER 28:</b> CALF & YEARLING SPECIAL	<b>NOVEMBER 12:</b> WEIGH UP COW & BULL SALE	<b>DECEMBER 16:</b> REGULAR CATTLE SALE, BRED COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL, FEEDER SPECIAL
	<b>OCTOBER 16:</b> LIVESTOCK WEEK CHARO-	<b>OCTOBER 29:</b> WEIGH UP COW & BULL SALE	<b>NOVEMBER 18:</b> REGULAR CATTLE SALE, BRED COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIALE	

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