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Township Trailblazer: Joel Larson - Heart of the Township



Joel Larson, Heart of the Township, leans against his SD DOT truck — a man who's spent nearly 40 years keeping Rainbow Township's roads in shape.
Submitted photo

By Loree Gaikowski, SDATA
Legislative Director

In the vast prairie of Perkins County, South Dakota, I found Joel Larson where I was told he would be, at his office in the state highway shop.

At first glance, Larson is every bit a working man. His weathered hands and sun-creased face speak of countless hours tending land and cattle. But there's another story written in his heart. It's one of a different passion: roads. Gravel roads, to be exact.

Sometime around 1985, Larson and his friend Les Johnson, both in their early 20s, began their journey on the township board together after their fathers passed away far too soon. Nearly 40 years later, while Johnson has stepped back from the day-to-day work, Larson makes it a priority to keep him connected and involved. Together, they have built a legacy of service, and Larson is now carrying that torch forward.

Larson doesn't take for granted the value of local governance of township roads. He sees the difference in roads managed by local, organized townships and of those unorganized that rely on the care of the county.

"No way are we ever going to be unorganized. That will never happen in Rainbow Township. We want control of our own roads," he said. "They (the county) do the best they can, but they don't have the time to do all of the township roads."

He recalls a pivotal point in his township back in 2019 when severe flooding took over his region.

"We drove every road, checked every culvert — everything — and ultimately saved our township a lot of money by working with

FEMA," he said.

Having worked for the South Dakota Department of Transportation for several years now, he knows first-hand how important it is to fix small issues on the road before they get worse.

"I talk to people who don't come to township meetings and ask them to let me know about holes or any issues," he said. "We want to get things fixed before they get bad."

With Larson's leadership, Rainbow Township operates on a seven-year plan to allow for future township needs and growth.

"If you can stay on budget with what you have and be able to plan in advance to save more money, if you need it — that's success," he said.

Looking to the future of Rainbow Township, and all townships, Larson offers advice to the next generation of township officials: "Get Involved. Keep in contact with the Association of Towns and Townships. They do an excellent job. And get to know LTAP. Go to meetings so you understand what's going on. You will most likely have to do stuff on your own time, but it's worth it. Rainbow Township has the best roads for what we can afford to have."

With a spark in his eye and a smile, he shared his recruitment strategy.

"I asked my daughter-in-law, Amanda, to go on a date with me. She said, 'Just you and me?' I said, 'Yep.' She agreed, and I took her to the local township meeting. She's been our clerk ever since. Best thing I ever could have done. She's very good at it."

Reprinted from *Tri State Neighbor*



Watch for children in crosswalks

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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.

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Meadow News

Kurt Petik from Fan De Lac, WI and Kiya and Kade Griesse of Rock Rapids, Iowa arrived Wednesday evening at Jerry and Carolyn Petik's spend the weekend. They all attended the Kvale family reunion over the weekend.

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NUTRITION SITE MENU

Monday, September 8

Roast turkey, potatoes & gravy
corn, wg bread, fruit

Tuesday, September 9

Taco salad, meat, lettuce, tomato
salsa, tortilla chips, fruit

Wednesday, September 10

Baked cod, baby baker potatoes
coleslaw, wg bun, fruit

Thursday, September 11

Spaghetti w/meat sauce
carrots, garlic bread stick, fruit

Friday, September 12

Egg salad sandwich, Oriental coleslaw
fresh vegetables, fruit

Menu is subject to change without notice

School Lunch Menu

Monday, September 8

Breakfast

Pancake

Lunch

Chicken ala king
salad bar, fruit & milk

Tuesday, September 9

Breakfast

Omelette

fruit & milk

Lunch

Super nachos
salad bar, fruit & milk

Wednesday, September 10

Breakfast

Breakfast cake

fruit & milk

Lunch

Chicken nuggets
salad bar, fruit & milk

Thursday, September 11

Breakfast

Breakfast pizza

fruit & milk

Lunch

Hamburgers
salad bar, fruit & milk

Menu is subject to change without notice

Northern Hills Eye Care

Dr. David J. Prosser

Dr. Ross F. English

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Rosebud News

Wednesday, Susan Gunn attended a Catholic daughter's meeting in Morrystown.

Susan Gunn, Bill, and Margaret Dickinson were among those who attended the funeral of Marcene Behrmann in Lemmon Thursday afternoon.

Susan Gunn was among those who attended the funeral for Vern Goeres in Lemmon Friday at noon.

Susan Gunn was among those who attended the Britt Oliver and Lauren Baumberger in Lemmon Saturday afternoon.

Monday Kellers had appointments in Bismarck.

Keller's spent the weekend at Shadehill for Labor Day.

Saturday, Christi Miller made a trip to Bison to watch Zabrina's first volleyball game.

Jim and Patsy Miller made a trip to Hettinger Tuesday.

Jim and Patsy Miller played cards in Hettinger Friday afternoon.

Sunday, Jim and Patsy Miller made a trip to Medora and visited with Patsy's cousins, Craig and Kim Neaseth and Tim and Deb Neaseth and some of their friends from Minnesota.

Monday, Lynn Frey drove to Lemmon and Hettinger.

Tuesday evening, Lynn Frey attended the District Farmers Union dinner and meeting in Isabel.

Thursday afternoon, Marilyn

Schwartzbauer of Bismarck arrived at the Frey ranch.

Noel and Wade Miller of Sioux Falls arrived at the Frey ranch late Thursday evening to spend the weekend.

Saturday evening, Marilyn Drager of Fargo stopped at the Frey ranch and had supper with Lynn Frey, Marilyn Schwartzbauer, Wade and Noel Miller.

Sunday, Lynn Frey, Noel Miller, and Marilyn Schwartzbauer attended worship in Bison.

Sunday supper guests of Lynn Frey included Marilyn Schwartzbauer, Wade and Noel Miller, Monte Frey, and Dean Frey. They celebrated Noel and Monte's birthdays' early.

Tiss Johnson made a trip to Richardton Thursday.

Morell Hirning and Tiss Johnson were among those who attended the Placemakers' Coop "Live at the Lake" which turned into "Live at the Lonesome Dove" in Lemmon Saturday evening.

Bernell Hirning of Williston was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Morell Hirning and Tiss Johnson. They then drove around to look at the crops and stopped to visit with Merle, Kjersti and Nolan Hintz at the Hintz ranch.

Morell Hirning and Tiss Johnson were among the Sunday supper guests of Paul and Judy Wollman for a fish fry.

Back to SCHOOL SAFETY

Walking Safety: Teach children to walk on sidewalks, look both ways before crossing streets, and use crosswalks. Practice walking routes together to reinforce safety rules.

Biking Safety: Ensure children wear helmets and ride in the same direction as traffic. Teach them to stop before cross-

ing streets and to be aware of their surroundings.

Bus Safety: Instruct children to wait for the bus at a safe distance from the curb, board only when the bus has stopped completely, and stay visible to the bus driver.

Thank you for your support, see you next year.



Boaz Drews

Remember When . . .



by Bonnie M Smith

What do you remember about the town you were born in? Grew up in? Lived in as a young adult? How have those memories changed? Those, and other questions and stories will be shared at Dakota Buttes Historical Society and Museum's (DBHSM) last event of the 2025 season, "Remember When . . ."

Led by DBHSM president and

master storyteller Ceil Anne Clement, who is also a Bush Fellow, the event is sure to bring joy, laughter, and perhaps a tear or two, as folks remember the good, the bad, and the in-between of those years.

From memories of the circus elephant who walked from Hettinger to Bucyrus (because the owners could not afford to send it on the train), to the sandstone

slabs on Lover's Butte (west of WRHS hospital) later used for rip/wrap at Mirror Lake; from the smoking fires of Bum's Jungle in Hettinger to the new Haynes gym; from the high school teams that traveled back and forth by train, to JC Penny store's pneumatic tubes; from the City Cafe to Deke's Cafe and many others to the locally-constructed, graveled Yellowstone Trail (the first transcontinental roadway in the Northern tier and the only one of its size constructed with no Federal funds) to the Highway 12 it has become today, let's celebrate all.

Whether from the south country or the north, whether from the east or the west, let's celebrate the people, places, businesses, buildings, churches, teams or groups that have made our area what it is today. You will be part of this event. Share or listen, laugh or think deeply, appreciate and/or wonder what was, what is, and what will be in the southwest corner of North Dakota and in the northwest corner of South Dakota.

DBHSM opens at 1:00 pm MDT Monday, Labor Day, September 1. The program begins at 2:00 pm MDT with refreshments to follow. The event is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome and appreciated.

South Dakota tops nation in foodborne illness cases

By Scout Nelson

A new study reveals that South Dakota has the highest rate of foodborne illnesses in the United States, recording 92.2 cases per 100,000 people. This is higher than neighboring Nebraska, which ranks second at 74.4 cases.

The state's agriculture-based economy, while essential for jobs and revenue, also contributes to the high illness rates. With nearly four times as many cattle as people, South Dakota residents face greater exposure to pathogens carried by livestock.

Nathan Willen, a zoonotic disease epidemiologist at the Department of Health, explains that frequent contact with livestock plays a major role in these numbers. Many residents report exposure to cattle and other farm animals. Foodborne illnesses often occur when fecal matter contaminates food or water supplies.

Campylobacter is one of the most common illnesses reported in the state. While cattle usually show no symptoms, humans who come in contact with the bacteria

may fall ill. From 2013 to 2023, about 43% of reported campylobacter cases in South Dakota were linked to cattle contact.

Public health experts stress the importance of hygiene and safe handling around livestock. Willen notes that residents with occupational exposure face higher risks compared to other states. The Department of Health has also worked with the Animal Industry Board to raise awareness in the poultry industry.

To reduce risks, prevention campaigns such as salmonella awareness flyers are distributed to feed and agriculture supply stores, especially those selling baby chicks and ducks. These efforts target backyard poultry owners, who often face higher salmonella risks.

When outbreaks occur, health officials take immediate action, but their long-term strategy focuses on educating both the public and producers about risk factors. By encouraging safe practices and proper hygiene, authorities hope to lower the state's foodborne illness rate.

Record high corn yield predicted in South Dakota

Corn production is up 13% from last year, forecast at 16.7 billion bushels; soybean growers are expected to decrease their production 2% from 2024, forecast at 4.29 billion bushels. Those are among the details released August 12, 2025 in USDA's latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) Report.

Average corn yield is forecast at a record high 188.8 bushels per acre, up 9.5 bushels from last year. NASS also forecasts record high yields in Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin. As of Aug. 3, 73% of this year's corn crop was reported in good or excellent condition, 6 percentage points above the same time last year.

Soybean yields are expected to average a record high 53.6

bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from 2024. If realized, the forecasted yields in Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Virginia will be record highs.

All wheat production is forecast at 1.93 billion bushels, down 2% from 2024. Growers are expected to produce 1.36 billion bushels of winter wheat this year, up 1% from the previous forecast and up less than 1% from last year. Durum wheat production is forecast at 87.4 million bushels, up 9% from 2024. All other spring wheat production is forecast at 484 million bushels, down 11% from last year. Based on Aug. 1 conditions, the U.S. all wheat yield is forecast at 52.7 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from 2024.

Tuesday's report also included

the first NASS production forecast of the season for U.S. cotton. NASS forecasts all cotton production at 13.2 million 480-pound bales, down 8% from last year. Yield is expected to average 862 pounds per harvested acre, down 24 pounds from 2024. Forecasts for apple, cranberry, grape, peach, pear and other crops are also included in the report.

NASS interviewed approximately 14,900 producers across the country in preparation for this report. NASS is now gearing up to conduct its September Agricultural Survey, which will collect final acreage, yield, and production information for wheat, barley, oats, and rye as well as grains and oilseeds stored on farms across the nation. That survey will take place during the first two weeks of September.

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Obituary

James Wunder

With deep love and sorrow, we announce the passing of Dr. James (Jim) Francis Wunder, son of Joe and Marion Wunder, born in Mason City, Washington, on October 7, 1938. A man of wisdom, compassion, and service, Jim lived a life devoted to medicine, his country, and his community.

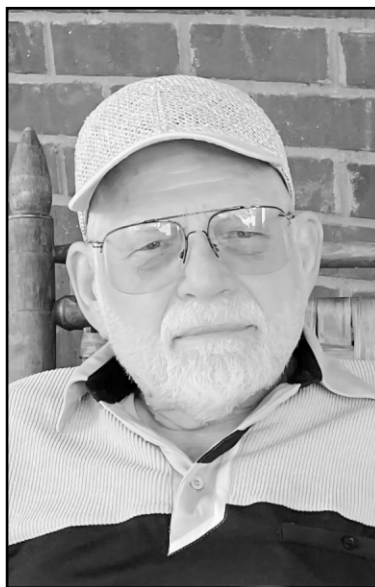
Raised as a farm boy in Bison, South Dakota, Jim developed a strong work ethic and a deep respect for the land. These early years shaped his character and inspired a lifelong love of gardening and caring for trees, hobbies that brought him peace and joy throughout his life.

After college Jim pursued his medical education at the University of South Dakota and the University of Minnesota, earning his

medical degree in 1964. His commitment to learning and patient care laid the foundation for a distinguished career.

Dr. Wunder proudly served in the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon, caring for servicemen and women with dedication and skill. He later completed his radiology residency at Wilford Hall Hospital, Lackland Air Force Base (San Antonio, Texas), one of the nation's premier military medical centers.

After his honorable discharge as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Air Force, Dr. Wunder entered private practice in Mobridge, South Dakota, where he was known to everyone as "Doc". He practiced for 35 years as a board certified diagnostic radiologist.



He was a clinical professor for the

University of South Dakota and was bestowed the honor Fellow of the American College of Radiology. He was a trusted friend, physician, colleague, and mentor. Known for his steady kindness, determination, meticulous demeanor and professional excellence, he was deeply respected by friends, patients and peers alike.

Jim shared a devoted life with his high school sweetheart Peg, his wife of 64 years, and together they raised a loving family. He is survived by his sons Daniel (wife Melinda), Stuart, and Walter (wife Stefinie), his daughter Jennifer, and 10 thriving grandchildren.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Jim was a man of quiet passion, planting and tending to his trees, lawns, and gar-

dens with the same care he offered his patients. His legacy endures in the countless lives he touched, both through his medical career and his personal warmth.

A celebration of life for Jim will be on October 18, 2025 from 12 to 5 PM at the Moose in Mobridge, SD. Internment will occur at Fort Meade National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Arbor Day Foundation honoring his spirit and life long desire to "plant enough trees to cover a mountain".

Dr. James Francis Wunder will be remembered as a healer, a patriot, and a man of great integrity whose memory remains a blessing.

Jim J Seidel

Jim J. Seidel, age 79, of Menville, passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at the MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center of Sioux City. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 10:30 A.M. at the Immaculate Conception Church of Menville with Fr. Michael J. Erpelding officiating. A visitation will be held on Friday, September 5, 2025 from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. with a prayer service at 7:30 P.M. at the Immaculate Conception Church of Menville.

Arthur "Jim" Seidel was born July 24, 1946 in Lemmon, South Dakota to Peter and Flora (Harris) Seidel. He was united in marriage to Marcella "Sally" A. Hammrich on July 22, 1967 in Ipswich, South Dakota.

Jim worked at Grand Electric-Bison in Shadephill, SD until his transfer to Ipswich FEM in 1966. Jim and Sally moved to Menville in 1974 where he worked for the Woodbury County REC until retirement. He also ran Seidel Electric for several years, helping numerous farmers with their electrical needs.

Jim was a volunteer for the Ipswich Fire Department as well



as the Menville Fire Department for many years. In his free time he enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing, working on motors and caring for his horses.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Flora; parents-in-law, Antony and Inez Hammrich; brother, Jeff; sister, Jolene; sister-in-law, Sharon Hammrich; brothers-in-law, Albert Jonasson, Basil Larson, Raymond Akers, Jerry Crockford and Arlin Somers.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sally of Menville, IA; daughter,

Melissa of Manuel, TX; son James (Cherie Gann) of Yukon, OK; grandchildren, Cody Seidel of Menville, IA and Summer Seidel (Tyler Watts) of Yukon, OK and great-grandson, Hunter Seidel of Lawton, IA. He is also survived by his siblings, Julie Crockford of Bellefourche, SD, Jane Larson of Mound City, SD, Joyce Jonasson of Osage, WY, Jerry (Jenny) Seidel of Mesa, AZ, Jocelyn (Roger) Richardson of Pavilion, WY, Jessie (David) Christy of AZ, Jeanneane (Kevin) Henke of Denver, CO, JoRenae (Harlan) Begeman of Spearfish, SD, Jean Akers of Lodgepole, SD, Justin (Tammy) Seidel of Bison, SD, Juell (Renee) Seidel of Denver, CO and Jay Seidel of Gillette, WY; brothers and sisters-in-law, Vera (Mike) Smith of WY, Inez Somers of Manuel, TX, Judy (Gerald) Markuson of Edinburg, TX, Carl Hammrich of Elmer City, OK, Betty (Robert) Martin of Manuel, TX and Mary Kraft (David Dumas) of Piedmont, OK and numerous nieces and nephews.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Jim Seidel, please visit our flower store.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

— Romans 8:38-39

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 • Jenn Seffrood

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 8:00a.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. Joshua Lee

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

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

May the Lord bless you and keep you in this time of sorrow, reminding you of treasured memories, and the gift of shared love. May he inspire you with the reflection of heaven in earth, from the seeds and flowers, to the mountains and springs. And may you feel the Lord with you, walking besides you in the loneliness, taking your hand in the hardest times and carrying you through the waters of grief. May you be safe and treasured in his hand.

Prairie Doc Perspective

Nurturing Active Childhoods in a High-Tech World

By Dr. Patti Berg-Poppe and
Dr. Hsin-yi "Tanya" Liu

Long before children say their first words or pick up a pencil, they're learning through their bodies. They kick, reach, roll, crawl and explore - hardwired to interact with the world through movement. From the very beginning, motor and sensory experiences are how babies discover their environment and how their brains begin to grow and organize.

Simply put, our bodies in motion are the vehicles through which we learn. When children move, their brains light up. Their senses, muscles, emotions and attention systems all come online and begin working together. Through active exploration, children build the foundations of their sensory, perceptual and cognitive systems.

Movement and imaginative play stimulate both brain and body, supporting not only strength and coordination but also emotional regulation, adaptive behaviors and social connection. A child building a tower of blocks isn't just learning fine motor skills; they're developing attention, problem-solving and perseverance. Free play fosters communication, cooperation and confidence. Movement is how learning begins ... and how it continues to unfold.

Yet despite all we know about the power of movement, children today grow up in an environment where active play is often displaced by screen time. Screens are nearly unavoidable and are often used to entertain, educate or soothe. For many families, technology helps manage the demands of modern life. But when screen use regularly replaces hands-on, movement-rich experiences, opportunities for growth are lost.

A child passively watching a screen misses the sensory variety, trial-and-error learning and face-to-face interaction that come from real-world play. Over time, this shift can influence motor skills, attention, emotional regulation, sleep and readiness to learn, which are essential for thriving in school, relationships and everyday routines.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under 18 months avoid screen use altogether, and that children ages 2-5 be limited to no more than one hour of high-quality content per day. These guidelines aren't about restriction for its own sake; they reflect what we know about how children learn best - through movement, play and real-world interaction.

Movement is also one of the most reliable indicators of healthy development. Nearly 9 out of 10 young children in the U.S. meet national physical activity guidelines. This number drops sharply with age. By 6 to 17 years, only about a quarter of children meet these standards. As screen time increases and free time shrinks, children's need for movement can quietly go unmet.

This steady trend of rising screen use and declining physical activity doesn't mean we need to eliminate technology. Rather, we need to be more intentional about preserving time for play. Supporting active childhoods means prioritizing daily opportunities for whole-body movement, open-ended exploration and connection. That might look like a walk after dinner, dancing in the kitchen, building a blanket fort or inviting your child to help prepare a meal.

As pediatric physical therapists, educators and parents, we see the impact of movement every day. Children don't need ex-

pensive equipment or curated experiences. They need time, space and encouragement to move through their world and learn as they go. Fostering imagination, exploration and meaningful interactions with peers and caring adults helps children grow into strong, curious and resilient individuals.

For guidance on creating a balanced media plan, visit:

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/hhh.aspx>

Patti Berg-Poppe is a physical therapist and professor and chair of USD's Department of Physical Therapy, where she also directs the Program for Advancing Early Childhood Intervention (PACE-i). She has extensive experience in pediatric physical therapy and early intervention, with a focus on preparing future professionals to support development through play, movement and family-centered care.

Hsin-yi "Tanya" Liu is a pediatric physical therapist and researcher with expertise in early childhood development, mobility and assistive technology. She has practiced in both Taiwan and the United States and currently serves as assistant professor within USD's Department of Physical Therapy. Her work focuses on how play, movement and adaptive tools support motor and social development in children.

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ZUCCHINI BREAD

1 pound zucchini ends trimmed, coarsely grated	Ground Cinnamon	melted and cooled
2 cups flour	1/4 teaspoon McCormick®	2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon baking powder	Ground Nutmeg	1/4 cup plain full-fat yogurt
1 teaspoon baking soda	1/2 teaspoon salt	1/2 cup dried cranberries
1 teaspoon McCormick®	1 1/2 cups sugar	1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted
	6 tablespoons unsalted butter,	

Preheat oven to 375°F. Place grated zucchini in a clean dish towel (or clean paper towels) Squeeze to remove as much liquid as possible; set aside. Spray 9x5-inch loaf pan with no stick cooking spray.

Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and nutmeg in large bowl. In separate medium bowl, mix sugar, butter, eggs and yogurt until well blended. Add sugar mixture to butter mixture, along with zucchini, cranberries and pecans. Stir just until well blended. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake until golden brown, 55 to 60 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack.



Pastor's Perspective

Pastor Henry Mohagen

ATTENTION GETTER

There are things that get our attention. If a 1957 Chevy 2 door hardtop drives down the street, it turns heads. You see a great looking horse doing an excellent task they were trained for, it gets our attention.

How does God get our attention? It might be in a variety of ways. In Exodus chapter 3 we are given the account of God getting the attention of Moses. God used a very unique situation to get the attention of Moses. God used a burning bush that wasn't consumed to get his attention. Moses was going about his normal day herding sheep when the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses had been herding sheep for his father-law for 40 years and now he was 80 years old. God had a big job for him to do even at that age. It was to bring God's chosen people out of Egypt. This turned out to be a very demanding task and the people didn't always appreciate what God had him do. Moses tried to talk his way out of the task but God encouraged him with the promise that he would be with him through the huge job.

I have not heard of God visiting anyone out of a burning bush again and he has not talked to me that way. But God uses his Word to talk to us along with prayer. There are times we probably wish God would use a burning bush to give us a message.

This is especially true if the message is something we like. But just like Moses, God promises us that he will be with us through the things we face in our life.

Creamed Corn

4 cups corn kernels frozen, fresh, or canned and drained	1/2 cup heavy cream
1 small onion finely diced	3/4 cup milk
2 tablespoons butter	1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour	1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

In a saucepan or pot, melt the butter and saute the onion until it's soft and translucent.

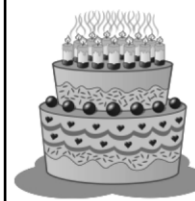
Add the corn kernels, if they're frozen then cook them for a few minutes until they're warmed through.

Add flour, and cook for 1 minute then add the cream and milk. Bring the mixture to a gentle simmer, and allow the sauce to thicken.

Season with salt, pepper

Cook for a couple of minutes then remove from heat.

Using an immersion blender, blend half of the creamed corn or all of it if you prefer a creamier consistency.



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Little Pasture on the Prairie

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This week, Millie, one of the ewes we'd bred to be a fall lamber, had a set of twins. She is a bit shy and often hangs back when some of the other, more social ewes crowd around to greet me. I'd been walking around the pasture every morning and evening to check Millie and the other pregnant ewe, Godiva, but hadn't seen anything noteworthy. All the ewes have far thicker wool in the fall than in the spring when we usually lamb, which makes it harder to see a pregnancy's progression. Godiva was noticeably larger than Millie, so I assumed she would go first. In fact, Godiva was so much bigger, I was beginning to wonder if Mille was even bred.

Yesterday, in the darkness of late dusk, however, I spotted Millie standing back from the flock and knew right away something was...off. A thorough search revealed two dark brown babies snuggled in the shadows of an old feeder where she'd hidden them. That clever girl did such a good

job, I would never have known they were there if I hadn't been actively looking.

Today, my husband and I were moving and sorting sheep to separate the three male lambs who hadn't been castrated. We went out to gather them from the big pasture, and then it was my job to guide everyone through two smaller "alleys" into a corral. From there, we sorted off the ones we needed to, before moving them into another, smaller pasture.

It was a beautiful evening, the late August heat already giving way to a cool autumn night. The sun was painting the sky gold and mauve beneath the strokes of periwinkle clouds. The stout golden grass swayed gently.

The man of the ranch was not thrilled about the job, but stoic as ever, he went about his part of the chore in calm silence, only raising his voice briefly if he needed to turn the flock towards or away from a gate or fence. I did the same, though sometimes I stopped to offer a head scratch or do a quick wellness check.

Sorting livestock is not always such a peaceful affair. The way the corrals were set up, and the fact that we only had to sort off a few, made a difference. But it was also that after all these years of shepherding, I actually know what I am doing, so not much conversation was necessary. And because the two humans were calm and mostly quiet, the sheep

were mostly calm and quiet too.

It hasn't always been like this. When I first started trying to help with ranch work, it was a constant frustration when I would ask for directions about how to do a job, and my husband really couldn't give me any. So much of what he knew he'd learned from a lifetime of doing, and there wasn't any way to explain it to his greenhorn wife—much to my consternation.

Walking in the pooling light of the late summer evening, talking in hushed tones as I ushered my sheep this way and that, I suddenly realize I've done enough 'doing' to know things I can't explain now, too, and that's a funny feeling for a writer! The best way I can describe it is as a "deep knowing," which sounds both cryptic and maybe a little overly precious. But how can I explain looking at a ewe who is doing absolutely nothing out of the ordinary and rightly surmising she is hiding babies nearby?

I tell people that I am a newcomer to ranching, and I always will be. It often feels like a profession one has to be born into to really understand. But a shift has occurred, and I am so grateful because I know I am able to be a better caregiver now to these animals I love. Also, it's been nice for my marriage, because if you are going to make a cowboy help with your sheep, it's good if you aren't also trying to make him talk about it.

Farmer's Cheese

*2 quarts of milk

* ¼ cup vinegar, lemon juice, lime juice, or citric acid

Warm up the milk to about 185 degrees or near boiling then move it away from the heat

Add the vinegar, acid or juice of your picking while you keep the milk separated and covered for fifteen minutes. You will begin to see a film of curd forming separate from the greenish whey.

Slowly ladle the curd in a colander and coat it with butter muslin. Alternatively you can pour the curd and whey in the colander, which is easier, but skimming yields a nicer texture and flavor.

Knot the corners of the cloth together and hang the cheese somewhere it can drain a few hours, or the leaking stops.

You can slice or cube the cheese for later or eat it as is although it is kind of tasteless that way. You can use this cheese to make lovely queso blanco.

SD State Vet, livestock organization critical of lack of transparency over first NW Screwworm Case in human

According to the state veterinarian in South Dakota, officials seeking information about a reported case of New World screwworm (NWSW) found in a human in the U.S., have been frustrated with a lack of answers. And at least one livestock organization is calling for an investigation into the lack of transparency and what is being characterized as 'selective sharing' of information within the beef industry.

The discovery of the flesh-eating parasite New World screwworm in a U.S. human patient has rattled cattle markets due to the parasite's devastating potential for livestock. While government officials say the risk to humans is low and no animal infestations have been confirmed in the U.S., the news drove down cattle prices and fueled volatility in an already tight market supply situation.

On August 25, 2025, officials confirmed the first U.S. human case of New World screwworm in a Maryland resident who had recently traveled from El Salvador. An earlier report placed the discovery in a person in Maryland who had traveled to the United States from Guatemala.

According to a Reuters report, the differing accounts from the U.S. government and industry sources on the human case are likely to further rattle an industry of cattle ranchers, beef producers and livestock traders already on high alert for potential U.S. infestations.

The primary concern for agricultural markets is the potential for the parasite to spread to livestock. New World screwworm was eradicated from the U.S. in the 1960's, but a reestablishment could cause billions of dollars in losses.

Reuters reported an executive of the industry group Beef Alliance sent emails last week to about two dozen people in the livestock and beef sectors, informing them that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) had confirmed a human case of screwworm in Maryland in a person who had traveled to the U.S. from Guatemala, according to a source, who asked not to be identified, and who shared the contents of the emails with Reuters.

South Dakota State Veterinar-

ian Beth Thompson told Reuters on Sunday that she was notified of a human case in Maryland within the last week by a person with direct knowledge of it. CDC deferred questions to Maryland on a call with state animal health officials, Thompson said. "We found out via other routes and then had to go to CDC to tell us what was going on," she said. "They weren't forthcoming at all. They turned it back over to the state to confirm anything that had happened or what had been found in this traveler."

The Maryland Health Department said in a statement Monday that the affected resident has recovered "from the infection, and the investigation confirmed there is no indication of transmission to any other individuals or animals."

In response to this latest news, R-CALF USA CEO Bill Bullard said, "If a human case of New World Screwworm was confirmed on or about Aug. 20, and if that fact was secretly disseminated to only a select group of industry insiders, but not simultaneously shared with all organizations representing independent livestock producers, or even with state veterinarians instrumental in disease and pest surveillance, then we ask for a full investigation of this incident."

"And the establishment of a New World Screwworm task force comprised of representatives of each sector of America's livestock industries to ensure future transparency and the proper allocation of resources to protect America from this devastating pest."

He continued, "Without transparency and symmetrical information dissemination to all industry participants – including to producers whose livelihoods could be severely impacted by not receiving information selectively provided to others – there can be no trust between industry participants and the government."

The parasite has been spreading northward through Central America. Recent screwworm infestations have been detected in Mexico as close as 370 miles from the U.S. border. It was initially detected in Mexico in 2024 and 2025. This led the USDA to halt cattle imports from Mexico in November 2024, May 2025, and July 2025.

South Dakota farmers encouraged to switch to written leases

By Scout Nelson
Agricultural land lease agreements in South Dakota automatically renew on September 1, 2025, unless written changes are made. South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension experts are encouraging producers and landowners to move from oral leases to written agreements before that date.

According to state law, any changes to an existing lease must be given in writing to all parties involved by September 1. If this does not happen, the lease automatically continues under the same terms and conditions. This renewal period offers a good op-

portunity to create a written lease.

South Dakota law requires that written leases be used for agreements longer than one year. The maximum length for any agricultural lease in the state is 20 years.

Gessner noted that the number of calls from landowners and tenants rises in July and August as many seek to make changes to their leases, including oral agreements. Changes to consider include moving to a written lease, adjusting the rental rate per acre or per animal unit month (AUM), changing acreage amounts, updating payment due

dates, or modifying maintenance responsibilities.

She recommends that when making changes to oral leases, landowners and tenants send a certified letter to provide formal notice. This verifies that both parties are aware of upcoming changes and ensures clear communication.

For those interested in learning more, resources at AgLease101.org provide detailed information on cash leases, share agreements, and flexible leases for cropland and pasture acres. The site also offers templates to help customize written leases for South Dakota operations.

Cowherd expansion is not the only way to capitalize on a strong calf market

Much has been written recently about the strength of the current cattle market. With beef cow inventory at a 60+ year low and demand being very strong, cow-calf operations are clearly in the driver's seat.

Calf values are more than double what they were three years ago, which speaks to considerable opportunity for cow-calf operators to invest in their cowherds. Expansion is often the first opportunity that comes to mind in a strong calf market and there is likely merit in expansion, if doing so is consistent with the goals of the operation.

However, some producers may not be interested in growing the size of their cowherds due to land and / or management constraints or other reasons. This article will briefly walk through other opportunities that are worth consideration.

Genetics

Some producers may choose to use the current increase in cow-calf revenues to improve the genetics of their herds. Investment in genetics often has long-run implications, resulting in more valuable calves to sell over multiple years. Sires certainly come to mind, but the current calf market combined with the strong cull

cow prices may provide an opportunity to cull a bit harder and also purchase some higher quality females.

Facilities

Working facilities are crucial resources for cow-calf operations for numerous reasons. Value-added opportunities such as health protocols, post-weaning programs, castration, implants, etc. are made much easier with quality working facilities. The same is true for receiving, sorting and loading of cattle. If facilities have historically been a constraint, the current market may be providing an opportunity to make improvements and position the operation to sell higher value calves in the future.

Grazing systems

Winter feeding days are typically the most expensive days for cow-calf operations as stored feed (hay) is being fed. Improved grazing systems (interior fencing, additional water sources, portable mineral feeders, etc.) allow for more efficient use of existing forage during the grazing season. This has the potential to increase the number of grazing days and reduce the number of hay feeding days. In most cases, this results in lower costs per cow per year and puts an operation in a better

position when calf prices fall.

Debt service / financial management

Strong markets also provide an opportunity to make financial moves that set an operation up for the long run. Increased revenues may allow an operation to pay down some debt and thereby lower their cost structure going forward. Similarly, it may provide an opportunity to build some working capital and lower dependence on operating loans. In both cases, future interest expenses are reduced, which has implications for profitability.

To be clear, the purpose of this article is not to discourage expansion. There are likely operations that need to do just that. But land constraints are real in many areas and expansion is not always feasible. Plus, there have been situations where operations expanded during strong markets and wished they had not done so a few years later.

The main point is that the current calf market provides a significant opportunity for a cow-calf operation to position itself for the long-run, and that will look different for each one of them.

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Strategic and scenario planning in ranching: Managing risk in dynamic times

Written collaboratively by Roger N. Gates, Barry H. Dunn, Jack Davis, Agustin Arzeno, and Martin Beutler.

A changing marketplace, price volatility, labor availability, record high feeder calf prices, the effects of the ethanol industry: How will your ranch operation adapt?

As the ranching industry faces accelerating change in the most fundamental parts of its business, ranch managers need to look forward and “create” their future. In other words, developing a strategic plan is essential for meeting the challenges ahead.

Strategic planning and scenario planning—the two concepts

highlighted in this manual—offer systematic approaches to addressing a ranch business’ future viability. Using these planning techniques together, a strategic plan—which is ultimately a set of decisions about what, why, and how to do something, all with a focus on the future—can be developed.

According to management consultant and author Peter Drucker, “The primary tasks of strategic management are to understand the environment, define organizational goals, identify options, make and implement decisions, and evaluate actual performance.”

Strategic planning is a funda-

mental step toward a ranch’s future viability. However, rapid changes among a variety of outside factors—movement in the beef price cycle, availability of labor and ranch (or estate) transition issues, or feed availability and price—can strongly impact the success of a strategic plan.

Therefore, a key to successfully preparing for the future is the ability to “understand the environment” and anticipate what industry trends and patterns may affect the ranch business. Scenario planning provides the opportunity to do just that and can be a valuable tool in strengthening the ranch strategic plan.

Army cutworm migration swarms detected in western South Dakota



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Mass populations of army cutworm moths are being reported to entomologists at South Dakota State University. Thus far, these migratory swarms have only been observed in far western South Dakota, particularly within the Black Hills. As the season progresses, the moths will continue to migrate towards central and eastern South Dakota. The primary agronomic concern with army cutworms during this time of year is in newly planted winter wheat fields. Army cutworm moths will lay eggs that can hatch quickly, and the emerging caterpillars then feed on wheat seedlings until the first hard frost.

Army cutworm moths are noted for having tan and brown colored wings that have a light-colored circle (dot) that is present above a light-colored boomerang. Young caterpillars are small and are generally a light green-brown color with relatively few markings. As the caterpillars mature, they develop a dull gray or gray-brown body that may have mottling (spots or smears of varying

colors). Older caterpillars will have several pale stripes that run the length of their bodies. Regardless of age, the caterpillars have a light brown head.

The army cutworm is a migratory insect that travels between the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains each year. In the spring, army cutworm moths migrate west from the plains where the caterpillars feed on crops and other vegetation. The moths move to the Rocky Mountains where they spend the summer feeding on nectar from wildflowers in the high elevations. Between August and October, the moths leave the mountains and fly back to the plains. They lay eggs in freshly cultivated weedy fields or in recently seeded winter wheat fields. The eggs hatch and the caterpillars will feed on the plant hosts until they are forced into the soil due to colder temperatures. The caterpillars reemerge in the spring and will feed on available vegetation until they pupate in the soil. The moths begin emerging in late May or early June depending on the weather.

Frequent rain events this summer and favorable conditions,

especially in the nearby Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming, likely resulted in high survival rates of army cutworm moths. These populations are now migrating back east into South Dakota.

Army cutworm caterpillars feed at night and hide just below the soil surface during the day. Scouting for the caterpillars can be time-intensive due to sampling soil. Therefore, we recommend management decisions based on caterpillar detection and characteristic plant injury.

The feeding is characterized as “clipping” where the caterpillars feed on the plant near the soil surface. This type of feeding can result in patches of plants that appear to be cut or clipped. For winter wheat, the caterpillars tend to feed on the tender blades. Army cutworms generally do not feed on the stem, crown or meristematic tissues, which allow plant regrowth to occur.

In areas where caterpillars are abundant, they will move from food-source to food-source in mass, or “army style.” Management is recommended if patches of the field have been defoliated, or if 2 to 4 army cutworm caterpillars are observed per square foot. As winter approaches, the caterpillars will eventually go into dormancy. However, scouting will need to continue next spring as the caterpillars will reemerge once the soil warms up and begin actively feeding again. If management of army cutworm is necessary, an insecticide application is recommended. Please refer to the latest South Dakota Pest Management Guide - Wheat for a list of products labeled for cutworm management.

Elevate ewe program helps new sheep producers build success

By Scout Nelson

South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension has announced that applications are now open for its Elevate Ewe program, a year-long training program created for sheep producers who want to improve or expand their operations.

The program begins in September 2025 and runs through August 2026. It is open to people with 10 years or less of management experience in sheep production. Those not yet active in sheep production may also apply if they show a strong interest in managing a sheep operation in the future.

Applications are free and must be submitted by August 29, 2025. Selected participants will pay a registration fee of \$200 per person or \$300 per couple.

Elevate Ewe combines workshops, webinars, hands-on field days, and networking opportunities with industry professionals. Each participant will also receive

personalized one-on-one consultation visits at their own operation. The goal is to provide both practical knowledge and research-based strategies to help sheep producers develop stronger business and management plans.

Past participants say the program helps them combine experience with research-based practices. For example, Jordan Neises, a sheep producer from Colman, shared that Elevate Ewe allowed him to learn new techniques, connect with other producers, and think differently about his own operation.

By providing evidence-based practices, valuable networking, and practical guidance, Elevate Ewe encourages producers to constantly improve and manage their flocks more effectively. SDSU Extension hopes the program will strengthen the next generation of sheep producers in South Dakota and the surrounding region.

Farmers urged to scout corn for Western Bean Cutworm pests

By Scout Nelson

Western bean cutworm caterpillars have recently been reported in South Dakota corn fields. This marks the first known case of these pests affecting corn with the Cry1F protein in the state.

Reports come at a time when experts have already noted declining effectiveness of Cry1F in controlling western bean cutworms in nearby states. Because of this, Cry1F is no longer recommended for management. Instead, the VIP3A Bt protein or well-timed foliar insecticide applications are considered reliable control options.

Western bean cutworms are a concern because they feed on tassels, silks, and corn ears. Their feeding activity not only reduces yields but also increases the risk of secondary diseases and mold.

Most years, these pests are not commonly seen in South Dakota. However, this year’s reports involve late-stage caterpillars ac-

tively feeding on corn ears. Research from Iowa and Nebraska shows that even one caterpillar per ear can reduce yields by about four bushels per acre.

For insecticide control, timing is key. Effective management must happen when egg masses are detected on whorls or upper leaves. Since this season’s reports involve caterpillars already well developed, it is too late for effective insecticide treatments.

Farmers are encouraged to scout fields regularly and pay attention to insect stages. Identifying western bean cutworm moths and caterpillars is important. The moths are gray to brown, with a light stripe along the edge of the front wings.

They also have a distinct brown circle and a comma-shaped marking outlined in lighter color. Caterpillars change colour as they grow. Newly hatched larvae have black heads that later turn orange.

Sow and Grow with Sara: Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus

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This week, I borrowed excerpts from a great article written by my co-workers, Madalyn Shires, Connie, Strunk, Adam Varenhorst, and Anna Hagemann. Wheat harvest is happening, and winter grain planting will be underway soon, making this info very applicative this week.

As wheat harvest proceeds, it won't be long until winter wheat planting is underway in South Dakota. It is important to note that disease transmission of Wheat streak mosaic virus (WSMV) during the fall is a greater threat to yield than spring transmission. The continued reproduction of the virus in alternate hosts develops a condition called the green bridge. Wheat streak mosaic virus causes a disease among grasses within the Poaceae family called wheat streak mosaic disease complex. Wheat streak mosaic virus is transmitted by the wheat curl mite. The WSMV is often harbored in late maturing spring wheat, alternative hosts, or volunteer wheat in late summer with less noticeable symptoms. These same plants often serve as hosts for the wheat curl mite. Unfortunately, the decline of the alternative hosts drives the movement of mites to new hosts; this generally lines up with the emergence of winter wheat. As a result, WSMV and other viruses in the disease complex are also

transmitted into the new crop through feeding, creating the green bridge effect. The green bridge effect is also persistent in spring wheat where wheat curl mite moves from winter wheat to spring wheat in the spring. Spring wheat has little to no resistance to WSMV.

To effectively reduce WSMV, it is important to manage the green bridge effect to slow spread of disease in newly emerging wheat fields.

Wheat Curl Mite and Transmission

Wheat streak mosaic virus (and other viruses in the disease complex) transmission occurs when wheat curl mites that were previously feeding on infected plants disperse to healthy plants and begin feeding. Wheat curl mites rely on wind dispersal to find new host plants. This results in a random distribution of infected plants in wheat fields. Wheat curl mites require live plant tissues for survival, but this isn't generally an issue for them as their alternative hosts are common (ex: corn, sorghum, millet, weedy grasses, volunteer wheat, etc.). When the quality of their host begins decline, they move up the plant and get carried off in the wind. Wheat curl mites normally infest field edges first as these act as natural wind barriers. Any life stage of the wheat curl mites can overwinter and with snow cover can survive temperatures below freezing. Once temperatures begin to warm up in the spring, the wheat curl mites become active again and

continue their life cycle, and ultimately, continue the disease cycle. The wheat curl mites reproduce rapidly at temperatures between 75-80 °F. There are no miticidal recommendations for wheat curl mite population reductions and managing the green bridge is the only recommendation available for wheat curl mite management. For identification of wheat curl mites visit extension.sdstate.edu and search for "Identifying the mites in wheat fields".

Managing the Green Bridge

The green bridge is the literal plant tissues that are present during the period of spring wheat harvest and winter wheat planting. The green bridge aids in the transmission of the virus between one crop to the following crop, moving further in the next growing season. In order to prevent the spread of the virus, the green bridge must be broken. There are multiple avenues that can be taken to diminish the green bridge, but work best when used together.

- The planting date of winter wheat should be delayed to mid to late September when wheat curl mite populations are lower. SDSU Winter Wheat Breeding program recommends no earlier than September 15th to September 20th. Delayed planting dates will also reduce the risk of Hessian fly infestation.

- There should be ample time between alternative host termination and the next planting. All volunteer wheat and grasses should be terminated following the harvest of spring wheat. There should be a two-week window between herbicide applications, and the planting of winter wheat to ensure that termination was successful.

- Herbicides can be very effective at managing WSMV hosts. Glyphosate (i.e., Roundup) can kill volunteer wheat and grass weeds carrying mites. For glyphosate specifically, there should be a 14-day window before planting the following wheat crop as mite population will temporarily increase since they will be leaving their previous hosts. In addition, glyphosate has no soil residual activity that can injure crops after harvest.

- Environmental and weather patterns should be analyzed when determining the proper periods to plant. Since mites travel primarily by wind,

be sure to understand wind direction when planting your crops. If a neighboring field has just harvested a wheat crop or mowed a pasture area, be prepared to manage alternate grassy hosts as mites may move into your crop. Temperature is also important. Mite production is highest at 75 degrees F to 80 °F. When temperatures reach lows of 50 °F, mite reproduction slows down. Therefore, you must be aware of the impact of increased fall temperatures that occur for a prolonged duration as it favors the disease.

- Genetic resistance is equally important to reducing WSMV. Plant varieties that have genetic resistance to WSMV.

Identification

Correctly identifying this disease or any other fungal, bacterial, or viral disease is extremely important, as it aids in management decisions. Please send plant disease questions to SDSU Extension Plant Pathology Specialist Madalyn Shires or SDSU Extension Plant Pathology Field Specialist Connie Strunk (www.extension.sdstate.edu/about/our-experts). Samples can also be sent to the SDSU Plant Diagnostic Clinic. The clinic's mailing address is 1148 Medary Ave, 2207-D, 1451 Stadium Road, Brookings, SD 57007-1090 and the physical address for sample drop off is Berg Ag Hall Room 203 (business hours) or 001 (after hours and weekends). For more information, visit www.sdstate.edu/agronomy-horticulture-plant-science/sdsu-plant-diagnostic-clinic.

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Contact Angie Thompson, Business Manager, 605-244-5961 if you have any questions. The Bison Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids may be submitted to: Bison School District, PO Box 9, Bison SD 57620 or dropped off at the business office.

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Figure 1. WSMV observed in winter wheat fields in 2025. (Courtesy: Ciera Kotaska) Wheat streak mosaic disease presents itself with elongated chlorotic stripes along the venation of the leaves. The lesions slowly take over the surface of the leaf and turn darker with time. The plants will become stunted and plant growth will slow, delaying tiller production.

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Grand River Roundup Betty Olson

It was a little cooler this week and autumn will soon be here. We got rain on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and we haven't had any frost yet, but the temperature on Sunday was only 65 degrees. My hens are sure slowing down on laying eggs like they do every fall and with 21 hens, they only laid six eggs two days this week!

The state GF&P predator plane came here early Monday morning along with the Perkins County Conservation Officer and they shot a bunch of coyotes in our sheep pasture. They had been hunting coyotes in Perkins County and since our ranch straddles the Perkins County/Harding County border they came over here to get rid of some more of those nasty buggers. Reub spent the day spraying weeds up in our west pasture and over at Glendo that afternoon. The guys hauled hay all day and I had the privilege of going to Reva that afternoon to pick up Beau and Hannah Doll and Knox and River. I had to wait for the pilot car both going south and coming back north to meet Clint Doll at their mailbox to drop off his kids. With having to

wait for the pilot cars to take us though the construction, we didn't get home until after 5:00.

These guys and some of the neighbors went to help Bill Holt work his heifer calves over at the Grinde place on Tuesday while Reub was spraying weeds up west that morning and over at Glendo that afternoon. We weren't getting any rain so I watered all the gardens and the flowerbeds while they were gone. Casey and Missy's wedding anniversary was that day.

Reub sprayed weeds around here Wednesday morning before we ate an early lunch. John Brown got Reub's other side-by-side fixed so we hooked the flatbed trailer behind the red pickup and went up to Reeder. We dropped the flatbed off in Reeder and drove over to Hettinger to get some stuff before coming back to Reeder to hook up the flatbed again and take it to John Brown's to get the side-by-side. John helped Reub load the side-by-side and then Phyllis invited us in for ice tea and a good visit. We visited for so long that we were too late for coffee with the Prairie Pioneers, but we'll probably see the Prairie Pioneers next week.

Wednesday was also the birthday of our son Guy's wife, Megan Olson. Happy Birthday Megan!

Reub was spraying weeds at the Horse Creek pasture Thursday morning while the guys went up to help Bill Holt vaccinate his steer calves. Matt Kerner, Doug and Clint Doll, Ron Jenson and Lance Giannonatti also helped Bill on that nice warm day. Reub stopped to visit Kaye Smith on the way home from Horse Creek to see how she was doing after she got out of rehab in Rapid City and he said she looks like she's healing up well. Margaretta Hanson and Venoy Tenold were also there visiting with Kaye and Conrad and Reub had a good visit with them too. I got to go to Reva to pick up Knox and River from the school bus while Copper had basketball practice in Buffalo that afternoon. Reub bought a machine to make ice cream a while ago so we made ice cream that evening and had everyone on the ranch help us eat it after supper. We topped the ice cream off with the delicious chokecherry nectar that Mollie and Matt Kerner sent down here. Next time we make ice cream we'll need to get more ice because we

didn't have near enough and had to get more from the next door neighbors.

We got just over a quarter of an inch of rain on Friday so Reub couldn't spray weeds that day and I didn't have to water the gardens either. We planned to go to Dennis Nash's Fly-in Saturday morning but it was raining so hard here that we didn't want to drive over those country roads and tear them up really bad so we stayed home so Reub could vacuum all the water out of the basement that happens every time it rains.

I dumped 1.28 inches of rain out of the rain gauge on Saturday so Reub didn't spray weeds that day either. That was the first day of the Labor Day celebration in Buffalo and most everybody around here went to Buffalo for the Scramble Golf Tournament, the Soap Box Derby, the Harding County Match Steer Wrestling contest and the Pickle Ball Tournament.

It was still raining when Linda Hathaway and I served lunch after church on Sunday before our choir practiced for the Hymn Sing at the Presbyterian Church in Bison that evening. A lot of

people went to Buffalo that morning for the Old Timer's Breakfast and the Cowboy Church service at the arena before the SDRA/NRCA rodeos that morning and afternoon. I had to put the pickup into 4-wheel drive to get out to the highway that evening when we went to Bison for the Hymn Sing at the Presbyterian Church. The choirs and singers from several local churches blessed us with some beautiful music, the church fed us a delicious lunch after the singing and it was a really enjoyable evening. We drove home in heavy fog so I checked the rain gauge when we got home and dumped out just over a quarter of an inch of rain.

With all this wonderful rain, I'll leave you with these rain jokes:

*What type of cloud is really lazy, because it will never get up in the morning?

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*Hear about the guy who tried shooting the rain with a gun?

He mist.

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Home Country Slim Randles

Now one thing's for dang shore, everwho come up with drugstore language should be roped and dragged out in the brush and wearin' a big sign that jest says "Guilty." No need to get more infinitesimal than that until he's through bouncin' through the puckerbrush.

As I'm shore you know, since our choice of subject today is arithmeticals and has to do with the language we speak, this here is yore ol' pal and philosophizer Windy Wilson. Slim usually does these, but he looks the other way sometimes if I sneak by him. You know. Only when it's a universal primalchordium that applicates to all of us, of course.

So here's the skinny, and I'm shore you recognizate it, too. Drugstore language was invented by some guy who thought he was educationin' the world by teachin' 'em a new language. Used to be, there was aspirin. Now that ain't too bad. Spelled it right, too, cuz we been starin' at it by the sink since Spot was a pup.

But you know how them edu-

cators get. You don't stop at aspirin, oh no, you gotta rename all the pills ever made so no one can pronounce 'em. Like

Tramexabuteral. That one has somethin' to do with curin' the miseries, but I don't rememberate which part of you needs to be fixed.

But don't you worry, cuz them druggist guys and doctor guys went to college for a hunnert years to learn that, and it's dang few that want to share.

Wouldn't it be a heckuva lot easier to jest walk in and ask for a pill to make it easier to use the ... little house? You know. But that would jest make sense and would embarrass the doctors and nurses and pharmacinders in our lives cuz they couldn't show off any more.

Wish we could try it out, like askin' for a bottle of Leftleglimp-nomore or Catchanoserunnin'. That's why it takes down-to-earth kinda filosofickals like me to set the tone for universality-type improvements. And you can tell 'em I said so.

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quiring 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 partici-

pate 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 Assistance 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 activa-

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